Town Officers, 1956

ELECTED

Name	*Office*	*Term Expires*
	MODERATOR	
Lewis H. Blackmer		Feb. 1957
	TOWN CLERK AND TOWN TREASURER	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		Feb. 1957
	COLLECTOR OF TAXES AND TOWN COLLECTOR	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		Feb. 1959
	SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE	
John W. Avery		Feb. 1959
Charles F. Austin		Feb. 1958
Raymond C. Gay		Feb. 1957
	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Walter P. Piper		Feb. 1959
Fanny Morey		Feb. 1958
Fitzhugh L. Turner		Feb. 1957
	PLANNING BOARD	
George B. Jackson		Feb. 1961
Richard D. N. Dickinson		Feb. 1960
William E. Aldrich		Feb. 1959
Roy H. King (resigned Dec. 5, 1956)		
Robert J. Braden		Feb. 1957
	CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	
Charles F. Austin		Feb. 1959
Lincoln E. Cook		Feb. 1958
Henry Evanson		Feb. 1957

ASSESSORS

William E. Aldrich	Feb. 1959
George E. Booth	Feb. 1958
William F. Kimball, Jr.	Feb. 1957

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

D. Donald Hazen	Feb. 1959
Ella A. Stebbins	Feb. 1958
Milton C. Baggs	Feb. 1957

TREE WARDEN

Edward B. Conkey	Feb. 1957

CONSTABLES

Adam Antonovitch	Feb. 1957
Wallace F. Chevalier	Feb. 1957
Ernest M. Gay	Feb. 1957
Francis P. Loftus	Feb. 1957
Andrew T. Sears	Feb. 1957

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET AND MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUNDS

Ruth B. Fuller	Feb. 1957
Sophia M. Pero	Feb. 1957

TRUSTEES OF CALVIN D. BRIDGMAN FUND

Lewis H. Blackmer	Feb. 1959
D. Donald Hazen	Feb. 1958
George A. Poole	Feb. 1957

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Fanny Morey	Dec. 1, 1956

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Elliott S. Cordner	Feb. 1959
Bernard Bowler	Feb. 1959
Stanford J. Harrington	Feb. 1958
Isaac A. Hodgen	Feb. 1958
Joseph Flanagan	Feb. 1957

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Roy G. Shaw	Feb. 1959
Raymond T. Beaudoin	Feb. 1958
Alice T. Flaherty	Feb. 1957

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr.	Feb. 1957

CHIEF OF POLICE

Ernest M. Gay	Feb. 1957

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Andrew T. Sears	Feb. 1957

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Joseph Kulig	Feb. 1957

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Raymond C. Gay	Feb. 1957

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

Stanley J. Pietryka	Feb. 1957

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Edward B. Conkey	Feb. 1957

TRUSTEE FOR HAMP. CO. AID TO AGRICULTURE

Robert E. Hanifin	Feb. 1957

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Aubrey D. Lapolice, B. S. S.	Feb. 1957
Donald Terry	Feb. 1957
Raymond C. Gay	Feb. 1957
John B. Nadeau, B. S. S.	Feb. 1957

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Chester Dzwonkoski	Feb. 1957
David E. Fournier	Feb. 1957
Ernest M. Gay	Feb. 1957
Andrew T. Sears	Feb. 1957

VETERANS' AGENT

Fanny Morey	Feb. 1957

POLICE OFFICERS

Adam Antonovitch	Feb. 1957
Wallace Chevalier	Feb. 1957
Ernest Gay	Feb. 1957
Frank P. Loftus	Feb. 1957
Andrew T. Sears	Feb. 1957

SPECIAL POLICE

Albert Dudek—Church Traffic, So. Belchertown	Feb. 1957
William F. Kimball, Jr.—Truant Officer,	Feb. 1957
William F. Kimball, Jr.—School Traffic, Center	Feb. 1957
Mabel Depot—School Traffic, Cold Spring	Feb. 1957
Wallace Chevalier—Dog Officer	Feb. 1957
Clarence Hubbard—Belchertown Branch, Ludlow Savings Bank	Feb. 1957
Mildred Cole—Street List	
Minnie Flaherty—Street List	
Edith Theriault—Street List	

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Harry Ryther	Feb. 1957
H. Morgan Ryther	Feb. 1957
Elwyn Hayes	Deceased

PUBLIC WEIGHERS—B. S. S.

Earl G. D. Allis	Feb. 1957
Paul T. Austin	Feb. 1957
Randolph H. Brown	Feb. 1957
Eugene Daniels	Feb. 1957
John E. Davis	Feb. 1957

John T. Flaherty	Feb. 1957
Julius Goodman	Feb. 1957
C. Lawrence Rhodes	Feb. 1957
John P. Harrington	Resigned
Leon M. Hislop	Feb. 1957
Charles W. Kern	Feb. 1957
H. Conrad Kirby	Feb. 1957
Aubrey D. Lapolice	Feb. 1957
Frank Lashway	Feb. 1957
Donald L. Morey	Feb. 1957
Daniel P. Shea	Feb. 1957
Wendell C. McGinnis	Feb. 1957
Walter F. McKillop	Feb. 1957
Maurice McLean	Feb. 1957
John B. Nadeau	Feb. 1957
Patrick J. Nagle	Feb. 1957
Theodore M. Picard	Feb. 1957
Douglas Rhodes	Feb. 1957
Chester J. Sosnowski	Feb. 1957

SPECIAL POLICE

Henry A. Tadgell, M. D.—Not limited to B. S. S.	Feb 1957
Thomas P. Feeney—Not limited to B. S. S.	Feb. 1957

SPECIAL POLICE (Limited)

Charles Ayers	Feb. 1957
Robert Anderson	Feb. 1957
Elwyn Bock	Feb. 1957
Lester Beaudoin	Feb. 1957
Edward Czech	Feb. 1957
Earl Henrichon	Feb. 1957
Royal Gay	Feb. 1957
Sidney Wheble	Resigned
Willard Young, Jr.	Feb. 1957
James Baker	Feb. 1957

BOARD OF HEALTH (Appointed)

Kenneth L. Collard, M. D.—Heealth Physician	Feb. 1957
Max Garber—Agent	Feb. 1957
Henry A. Tadgell, M. D.—Special Agent	Feb. 1957

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Francis M. Austin, D. V. M.	Feb. 1957

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Clarence Hubbard	Feb. 1957

REPORT CLERK

Doris S. Squires	Feb. 1957

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

(appointed by Fire Chief)

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
Kenneth Bristol
Carl Peterson
Louis Fuller
Nelson J. Hill
Ernest M. Gay

MEMBERS BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr., Chief
Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr. Asst. Chief
Kenneth Bristol, Captain
Carl J. Peterson, Lieutenant
Louis Fuller, Lieutenant
Roy G. Shaw, Lieutenant
Guy C. Allen
George Dewey
Wilbur Eaton
Hubert Greene
Ernest Gay
Nelson Hill
Isaac Hodgen
William Kimball, Jr.
Fred Lincoln
Raymond Menard
Michael Oberly
Harold Peck
Paige Piper
Louis Shumway
Willard Young, Jr.
Herbert Squires
David A. Staples

DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE OPERATORS

Ruth Neville
Jane Conklin
Pauline Barrett
Hazel Charles

JURORS DRAWN, 1956

Grand Juror

Howard C. Shirtcliff

TRAVERSE JURORS

January
- Harlan D. Rhodes
- Theodore Soja

April
- Louis E. Fuller
- William C. Belmont

May
- Fred Champion
- Louis Shumway

November
- Earle H. Whitehouse
- Ella L. Chamberlain

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall	Newton, Mass.
John Kennedy	Boston, Mass.

CONGRESSMAN—FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

John Heselton	Deerfield, Mass.

STATE SENATOR

Ralph C. Mahar	Orange, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Isaac A. Hodgen	Belchertown, Mass.

COUNCILLOR—FIRST COUNCILLOR DISTRICT

Bruce Crane	Dalton, Mass.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Hiram H. Brownell	Northampton, Mass.
Raymond A. Lyman	Easthampton, Mass.
John R. Callahan, Jr.	Hadley, Mass.

CLERK OF COURTS

Merrill E. Torrey	Northampton, Mass.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Raymond A. Warner	Williamsburg, Mass.

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Frank E. Tuit, II	Northampton, Mass.

COUNTY TREASURER

Howard A. Banner	Northampton, Mass

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Sanford Keedy	Amherst, Mass.

Moderator Lewis H. Blackmer appointed the committee under the provisions of Article 22, of the 1956 annual warrant: Harold Willey, Louis Fuller, Nelson J. Hill.

Report of Selectmen

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

The Board of Selectmen met on February 9, 1956 and organized as follows: John W. Avery, Chairman and Clerk of the Board; Charles F. Austin, Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare and the Selectmen's representative on the Old Town Hall Committee; and Raymond C. Gay, Chairman of the Board of Health. Selectman Avery was also designated to represent the Board on the Summer Recreation Committee and the committee in charge of Lawrence Memorial Hall.

The Board met regularly throughout the year on Thursday evenings at 8 p. m., and convened for special meetings and hearings as the need occurred.

Appointments were made to the various town offices, with two major changes. Ernest M. Gay, Sr., was appointed Chief of Police, to succeed Nelson Hill, who did not seek reappointment. To assist Chief Gay, Andrew T. Sears was named Deputy Chief. The Board regretted losing the competent services of Mr. Hill, and wish to take this opportunity to thank him for his public services. Mrs. Fanny G. Morey was appointed Town Accountant and Veterans' Service Office, replacing Mrs. Eleanor Sporbert, resigned.

Highway Program

Joseph Kulig was reappointed Superintendent of Streets and Sidewalks for the year, and met with the Board weekly to discuss the highway program.

The usual Chapter 81 program was carried out. Due to the heavy snows of March, we were forced to spend our maximum allowance for snow removal under the 81 program, which resulted in a decrease in the scope of work which might have been completed under the Chapter 81 program. This was offset to a degree by a transfer of funds to the Highway-Streets Account to enable us to accomplish some permanent work.

At this point it seems appropriate to present a clear picture of just what the town spent for snow removal during the year 1956: Approximately $7,725.00 was spent from the Chapter 81 program; the regular town appropriation of $3,500.00; a transfer from the Overlay Reserve Account at a special town meeting in the amount of $1,500.00; a transfer of $1,000.00 made at the end of the year to meet payrolls; an outstanding bill in the amount of $854.00 for rock salt to the Chemical Corporation of Springfield; and an outstanding bill of $411.00 to be deducted from anticipated receipts from the state. The $411.00 is the town's share of the state's plowing cost of Amherst Road. These figures total nearly $15,000.00 and are brought to your attention at this time to clarify any erroneous ideas that some individuals may have in thinking that the total snow removal costs stay within the town's appropriation for that purpose. This past year was abnormal in comparison to recent years. However, should the severity of the winters continue, we must be prepared to appropriate larger amounts for the snow removal program.

Chapter 90 Program: The Chapter 90 program for the year 1956 remains incomplete. Completion is anticipated by June 30, 1957. Due to the work load of the State Department of Public Works in Greenfield in completing the permanent repairs necessitated by the flood of 1955, and the late date at which plans were drawn for this project and the Chapter 90 contracts signed, it has been deemed advisable to carry this program over until spring for more favorable weather conditions. The state has increased its contribution for Chapter 90 projects by $3,000.00. It will be necessary to appropriate this amount for the state's share, which was not appropriated in 1956. This amount will be returned to the treasury upon receipt of same from the Commonwealth. For the ensuing year the Chapter 90 appropriation will include this amount. The Chapter 90 project being carried on here is the reconstruction of Route 21 (Ludlow Road).

Chapter 718: Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956, authorizes the town to expend on reconstruction work during the next three to four years, the sum of $18,421.68. This money may be used for permanent reconstruction of highways within the town, or may be used as the town's share of the Chapter 90 reconstruction program.

We are this year requesting funds to complete the surfacing of Rockrimmon Road to the Granby line, the Old Springfield Road to the Ludlow Road, and to complete work on a section of North Washington Street.

Funds were appropriated by special articles in the warrant for work on George Hannum Street and Cold Spring Road. Work was accomplished as far as funds were available, and we are again requesting in this year's warrant additional sums for the improvement of these two ways.

The North Washington Street sidewalk was completed to a point between the residences of B. S. Jackson and J. R. Gould. An article will be included in the 1957 warrant seeking an appropriation to continue this project to a point specified in the original petition presented to this Board.

Because of the increased details in town management, this Board feels that some matters now handled by the Selectmen might be delegated to independent departments. As an example, we are at the present time studying the feasibility of establishing the Board of Health as a separately elected body. Our investigation is incomplete, however, and it is anticipated that we will present our recommendation at a special town meeting during the current year.

We have attended all meetings necessary to represent the town's interests. In November, the local Board served as host at the annual fall meeting of the Hampshire County Selectmen's Association, which was held in this town.

This Board has received the cooperation of town officials and department heads, and this has been most gratifying.

JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
RAYMOND C. GAY
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of the Board of Health

The most outstanding projects of the Board of Health this past year were:

1st—The Polio Vaccine Program for children

2nd—The adoption of rules and regulations pertaining to Health nuisances

In the Polio Vaccine Program 817 persons were inoculated, and 1,489 doses were injected. No third shots were given.

We are grateful to all who helped in this project and especially grateful to Dr. Kenneth Collard and Mrs. Tirzah Juskalian, R. N., who gave so much time to it.

The results of the second project are given by Max Garber, Agent, in the following report on

ENVIRONMENTAL SANITATION

"At a regular meeting of the Board of Health, held on May 17, 1956, rules and regulations were adopted pertaining to nuisances; septic tanks, privy vaults; farm animals; offensive trades; collection and disposal of garbage; recreational camps, overnight camps, cabins, motels, and trailer coach parks.

"Great strides have been made in the town in the field of environmental sanitation as a result of the adoption of these rules and regulations.

"Home builders are required to obtain a permit from the Board of Health before a septic tank system may be installed. Details of the proposed system are reviewed to determine whether or not they meet present day standards. The permit requirement not only seeks to safeguard the public health, but also assures the home owner of a properly designed and adequately constructed private sewage disposal system. Nineteen private sewage disposal systems have been installed in the period from August 1, 1956, to December 1, 1956. It is anticipated that many more applications will be received before the end of the year 1956.

"Frequent examinations were made of all eating and drinking establishments, markets and milk supplies in the town.

"All refreshment stands were inspected at the Fair. One stand not equipped with adequate refrigeration was not allowed to operate until such time as the proper equipment was obtained. The success of the inspection program was attested by the fact that no illnesses nor complaints relative to the food stands at the Fair were reported to the Board of Health.

"The work load of the agent has increased as a result of the new rules and regulations. The year 1957, no doubt, will provide even greater activity in the environmental sanitation picture for the town.

Respectfully submitted,
Max Garber, Agent"

Mr. Garber has been of great help in getting this Project well started.

The following diseases were reported to this Board during 1956:

Measles	26
Mumps	32
Chicken Pox	45
Scarlet Fever	2
Meningitis	2
Diphtheria	1
Tuberculosis	5
Infectious Hepatitis	2

German Measles	236
Dog Bites	20

RAYMOND C. GAY
JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
Board of Health

Max Garber, Agent
Kenneth L. Collard, M. D., Physician
Mrs. Doris Squires, Report Clerk

Report of Town Clerk

		Gross Receipts
Sporting licenses (all series) issued 513		$1,892.75
Paid to Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$1,768.00	
Paid to Town Treasurer, Belchertown	124.75	1,892.75
Dog licenses (all classes) issued 541		1,363.00
Paid to County of Hampshire	1,255.20	
Paid to Town Treasurer, Belchertown	107.80	1,363.00
Certified copies of Births, Deaths, Marriages issued	107	54.00
Marriage licenses issued	29	58.00
Pole location and relocation orders recorded	16	79.00
Gasoline and Fuel Registrations recorded	35	17.50
Business registrations recorded	18	18.00
Extra dog tags issued	6	.60
Personal Mortgages recorded	125	375.90
Personal Mortgages discharged and recorded	45	45.00
Sporting license fees (as above)	513	124.75
Dog license fees (as above)	541	107.80
Totals	1,435	$880.55
Paid to Treasurer of Town of Belchertown		$880.55

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR., *Town Clerk*
(see Appendix for details)

Report of Chief of Police

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department of the Town of Belchertown for 1956:

Assault and Battery	1
Child Rape	1
Breaking and Entering and Larceny	19
Drunkenness	7
Driving under the Influence of Liquor	6
Fish and Game Laws	6
Lord's Day Violation	1
Violation of Motor Vehicle Laws	15
Hunting too close to Dwellings	2
Vagrancy	1
Child Neglect	2
Immoral Entertainment	2
Participating in Immoral Entertainment	1
Lewdness	1
Total	65

Our Police ambulance has made 34 trips to different hospitals in our vicinity, covering a total of 1,180 miles for the year. I wish to thank all those who have assisted with this service.

Our Department has answered numerous home complaints, also received and delivered emergency messages to people having no telephones. We have covered 83 accidents and have served 40 summonses for other departments.

The Special Police have since March 15th put in 1,235 hours with no pay. I wish to thank these and all officers and townspeople who have cooperated with this Department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST M. GAY,
Chief of Police

Report of Tree Warden

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

During the year this department has removed many dead and dangerous trees that became hazardous. Several trees that bore signs of undernourishment or other minor sickness were fertilized in an effort to revive them. The elms were sprayed twice by mist blower with 9% and 6% DDT.

An ice storm in April and a severe wind and rain on Thanksgiving eve caused much damage to older trees. 29 elms, thirteen of which were very large trees, became infected with Dutch Elm Disease and were removed.

My thanks to the Highway Department, the Police Department, and Selectmen for their cooperation.

Respectfully,
EDWARD B. CONKEY,
Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested and sealed January 1, 1956—December 31, 1956

Platform Scales, 10,000 lbs. and over	1
Scales and Balances, 100 lbs. and over	10
Scales and Balances under 100 lbs.	25
Gasoline Pumps	22

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $49.50.

RAYMOND C. GAY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Dog Officer

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Dog Officer for the Town of Belchertown:

I collected taxes on 101 dogs:

64	Males	$128.00
21	Spayed	42.00
4	Kennel	40.00
12	Females	60.00
		$270.00

Remitted same to Town Clerk. Picked up 33 dogs and destroyed same. Picked up 5 dogs hit by cars. Made 15 calls to homes for investigations.

Respectfully submitted,
WALLACE F. CHEVALIER,
Dog Officer

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District Report

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Granby Board of Public Welfare
Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit herewith the fifth report of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District, which continues to operate to the mutual advantage of the member towns in the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance and General Relief.

During the year 102 cases were handled, 426 visits and reinvestigations made, and the total expenditure in grants was $83,491.67.

Reimbursements to which welfare districts are entitled reduce net operating costs substantially. The actual cost to the district for the performance of these services was $43.13 a week ($26.96 cost to Belchertown a week; $16.17 cost to Granby a week). The district operates on the basis of 62.5% for Belchertown and 37.5% for Granby and reimbursements and expenses are figured accordingly. At the close of the year the cash balance was $1,691.57 ($1,061.56 Belchertown; $630.01 Granby). The net operating cost during the year was $2,242.72 ($1,401.70 Belchertown; $841.02 Granby).

Operating Cost

Salaries	$6,200.99
Travel	444.70
Postage	156.60
Office Supplies	125.23
Telephone	183.35

Office Maintenance	53.78	
Office Rent	660.00	
Insurance	52.03	
Legal	111.95	
Hampshire County Retirement Assessment	209.38	
Treasurer's Bond	15.00	
Lien Officer Filing Fees	5.60	
Appraisals	10.00	
Miscellaneous	67.59	
Total Operating Cost		$8,296.20
Less Federal and State Reimbursements		6,053.48
Net Operating Cost		$2,242.72

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
E. THORNTON CLARK
District Welfare Committee

Lena N. Wilson, *Agent*

Report of Welfare District Treasurer

BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY WELFARE DISTRICT
FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1956

Cash balance Jan. 1, 1956	$1,584.48	
Receipts:		
Federal	3,405.48	
State	2,648.00	
Town of Belchertown	1,500.00	
Town of Granby	850.00	
Miscellaneous	1,058.41	$11,046.37
Payments by warrants of District Comm.	$9,354.80	
Cash balance Dec. 31, 1956	1,691.57	$11,046.37

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR., *District Treasurer*

Report of Welfare District Agent

Board of Public Welfare
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

This office is pleased to report on its performance of welfare services for the Town of Belchertown for 1956 and the cost to Belchertown for administering the same.

Legislation during the past few years has necessarily enlarged upon the services of the welfare department. In addition to the compiling of budgets on the basis of the recipient's need, each recipient's budget has been checked three times during the year to take into consideration the increase of $2.50 allowed per month for transportation, the increase in taxes, and the cost of living increase allowed. The lien law requires liens to be taken on property of Old Age Assistance recipients and recoveries to be made on the same at the proper time. The Uniform Reciprocal Enforcement of Support Act requires action to be taken in or out of the Commonwealth against children who are legally liable to support their parents and are failing to do so. This law also covers action against parents who are failing to support their children. Old Age Assistance now covers aliens who can prove twenty years residence in this country and are otherwise eligible.

In addition to the regular semi-annual visits made to each recipient, the increased social needs of many of our recipients have necessitated further contacts. Nursing home care, extra help and other needs have been provided whenever possible, as needed. From time to time the need arises for wheel chairs, walkers and other prosthetic appliances and if anyone has any of these to loan, we shall appreciate being so informed.

During 1956, 70 cases were handled, 259 visits and reinvestigations made on the same, and the total expenditure in grants was $60,637.31. The cost to Belchertown for its share of the operating cost of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District was $1,401.70 or $26.96 a week.

The year opened with 49 Old Age Assistance cases, 1 Aid to Dependent Children case, and 5 Disability Assistance cases. During the year 9 Old Age Assistance cases, 1 Disability Assistance case and 5 General Relief cases were processed. The year closed with 47 Old Age Assistance cases, 4 Disability Assistance cases, and 2 General Relief cases. The Town now holds 20 liens covering aid rendered under the Old Age Assistance law. Recoveries totalling $2,939.55 were received during the year.

The financial report for the various categories of assistance and the administration thereof is as follows:

	Expenditures	Reimbursements	Net Cost
Old Age Assistance	$54,649.09	$47,862.78	$6.786.31
Aid to Dependent Children	262.35	404.52	142.17(cr.)
Disability Assistance	4,710.07	3,569.24	1,140.83
General Relief	1,015.80	———	1,015.80
Board Salaries	425.00	200.92	229.30
	$61,062.31	$52,037.46	$9,024.85
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District 62.5% net operating cost for 1956			1,401.70
Total net cost for all categories of welfare and the administration thereof for 1956			$10,426.55

The Welfare District office appreciates the cooperation it has received from the various departments of the Town and from the Board of Selectmen during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
LENA N. WILSON
Welfare District Agent

Report of Assessors

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal estate and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal government, and other cities and towns.
3. Receipts of departments and available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and fines.
5. Miscellaneous other sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$398,734.76
Other expenses for the year:		
State parks and reservations	$476.42	
Emergency flood overdraft	8,778.92	
State audit	2,296.64	
County tax	12,601.07	
Underestimates 1955 (Cherry sheet)	763.32	
Overlay of current year	8,058.17	32,974.54
Gross amount to be raised		$431,709.30
Expected revenue from the Commonwealth	175,599.36	
Overestimates of 1955 to be used as available funds	71.41	
Total estimated receipts and available funds		230,385.88

Deducting the expected revenue from the total expected expenditures gave the

sum to be raised by taxation as			$201,323.42
Total valuation:			
Personal property		390,916.00	
Land		522,875.00	
Buildings		1,459,845.00	
Total valuation			2,373,636.00
Tax levy at $84.00			
Personal property		32,836.94	
Real estate		166,548.48	
Polls (969)		1,938.00	
Total levy			201,323.42
Added assessments:			
Real estate	650.00	54.60	
Personal property	40.00	3.36	
Polls (22)		44.00	

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR., *Chmn.*
GEORGE E. BOOTH
WILLIAM E. ALDRICH
Board of Assessors

Report of Collector

Real Estate Taxes, Levy of 1956		
Warrants from Assessors		$166,626.18
Refunds		347.00
		$166,973.18
Collector's payments to Treasurer	$145,854.36	
Abatements	3,076.40	
Outstanding December 31, 1956	18,042.42	166,973.18
Real Estate Taxes, Levy 1955		
Outstanding January 1, 1956		$14,662.42
Refunds		182.00
Abatement rescinded		7.00
		$14,851.42
Collector's payments to Treasurer	$14,172.58	
Abatements	267.75	
Tax Titles Taken	392.00	
Added to Tax Titles	10.50	
Audit adjustment	.19	
Outstanding December 31, 1956	8.40	14,851.42
Real Estate Taxes, Levy 1954		
Outstanding January 1, 1956		$205.57
Collector's payments to Treasurer	205.57	205.57
Personal Property Taxes, Levy 1956		
Warrants from Assessors		$34,150.70

Refunds		37.40
		$34,188.10
Collector's payments to Treasurer	$27,937.28	
Abatements	345.26	
Outstanding December 31, 1956	5,905.56	34,188.10
Personal Property Taxes, Levy 1955		
Outstanding January 1, 1956		$4,428.85
Abatement after payment		3.50
		$4,432.35
Collector's payments to Treasurer	$4,364.25	
Abatement	28.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1956	40.10	4,432.35
Poll Taxes, Levy 1956		
Warrants from Assessors		$1,982.00
Refunds		12.00
		$1,994.00
Collector's payments to Treasurer	$1,790.00	
Abatements	186.00	
Audit adjustment	2.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1956	16.00	1,994.00
Poll Taxes, Levy 1955		
Outstanding January 1, 1956		$4.00
Collector's payments to Treasurer	4.00	4.00
Motor Vehicle Excise, 1956		
Warrants from Assessors		$33,986.73
Refunds		1,250.22
To be refunded		6.17
		$35,243.12
Collector's payments to Treasurer	$28,134.08	
Abatements	2,130.64	

Outstanding December 31, 1956	4,978.40	35,243.12
Motor Vehicle Excise, 1955		
Outstanding January 1, 1956		$1,512.48
Warrants of 1955 Excise, dated 1956		1,619.89
Refunds		217.22
Paid after abatement		5.56
		$3,355.15
Collector's payments to Treasurer	$2,779.06	
Abatements	500.63	
Audit adjustment	75.46	3,355.15
Sewer charges, 1956		
Warrant of Sewer Commissioners		$4,100.00
Refunds		10.00
		$4,110.00
Collector's payments to Treasurer	$3,880.00	
Abatements	55.00	
Outstanding December 31, 1956	175.00	4,110.00
Sewer charges, 1955		
Outstanding January 1, 1956		$150.00
Collector's payments to Treasurer	150.00	150.00
Sewer charges, 1954		
Outstanding January 1, 1956		$30.00
Collector's payments to Treasurer	30.00	30.00
Water Liens, Levy of 1956		
Warrants from Assessors		$186.27
Collector's payments to Treasurer	$136.27	
Outstanding December 31, 1956	50.00	186.27
Water Liens, Levy 1955		
Outstanding January 1, 1956		$95.00
Collector's payments to Treasurer	95.00	95.00

Outstanding Totals, December 31, 1956

Real Estate Taxes (1955 and 1956)	$18,050.82
Personal Property Taxes (1955 and 1956)	5,945.66
Poll Taxes (1956)	16.00
Motor Vehicle Excise (1956)	4,978.40
Taxes and Excise	$28,990.88
Water Liens (1956)	50.00
Sewer charges (1956)	175.00

Respectfully,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

Report of Treasurer

Dr.

Cash in Treasury, January 1, 1956	$97,064.36
Cash receipts, January 1, 1956 to December 31, 1956	596,428.78
	$693,493.14

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Warrants of Selectmen and Town Accountant	$545,507.67
Cash in Treasury, December 31, 1956	147,985.47
	$693,493.14

Trust Funds

Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	$3,500.00
George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,869.09
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	8,048.22
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,192.21
Susan Bridgman Cemetery Fund	497.90
Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	1,374.22
Whiting Street Fund	10,518.61
Nellie E. Brown Mt. Hope Cemetery Fund	1,007.50
Cemeteries Perpetual Care Fund	28,087.06
Cemeteries Perpetual Care Fund (Cash on hand to be deposited)	100.00

Other Funds

War Memorial Fund	$4,255.60
Post-War Rehabilitation Fund	5,966.51

Statement of Town Debt

Sewer Loan of 1949, First National Bank of Boston	$31,000.00
Sewer Loan of 1952, Palmer National Bank	4,000.00
School Building Loan of 1952, First Nat'l Bank of Boston	139,000.00
School Building Loan of 1952, First Nat'l Bank of Boston	177,000.00
Fire Equipment Loan of 1952, Palmer National Bank	4,000.00
December 31, 1956—Total Town Debt	$355,000.00

Respectfully,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Treasurer

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners organized and had several meetings during the year. Among the business discussed was: That the plan of the new lots at Mount Hope Cemetery was completed and is in the hands of the Town Clerk. Three lots have been sold to date.

Materials for the new fence at Mount Hope arrived too late to be installed this year. It is noted that a new fence will be needed in the near future for Hillcrest Cemetery.

During the year work was done on all eight cemeteries. Additional labor was necessary at times during the year.

Again it is stressed that anyone having any complaint about the cemeteries should please attend the meetings, time and place of which are announced in the Sentinel.

The general condition of the cemeteries in town is good. Several loads of gravel have been spread on the roads of the cemeteries where it was washed away.

There are no bills outstanding and there is a small balance left in the appropriation for the year. We recommmend the same appropriation for next year.

The inventory of tools and equipment remains the same.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY EVANSON
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
LINCOLN A. COOK
Commissioners

Report of Sewer Commissioners

During the year 1956 seven new service connections were made, making a total of 195 connections.

Your Commissioners, with the advice and assistance of Tighe & Bond, Engineers, have done considerable work along the line of examination and testing in an effort to locate spots where ground water is leaking into the sewer lines.

Several such leaks have been located and repaired, and we feel this wiil reduce infiltration of ground water into the line materially.

MILTON C. BAGGS
D. DONALD HAZEN
ELLA A. STEBBINS
Board of Sewer Commissioners

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts

The Fire Department was called to 51 fires during 1956:

16 Building Fires
31 Open Air Fires
4 Car Fires

Estimated damaged was $39,750.00. Covered by insurance, $26,315.00

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH J. KEMPKES, SR.,
Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Report of Civil Defense Director

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

The resignation of William H. Squires, Jr., as Director and the subsequent loss of his very able services in the fall of 1956 was indeed a great loss to the entire community, for under his fine leadership Civil Defense made lengthy strides.

The new Control Center in the basement of the Library has been partitioned off and new flourescent lighting installed with provisions for emergency power. The carpentry work was donated by several of our local citizens, for which we are very grateful.

Also, 1956 saw the creation of a fine Police Organization which previously had only been on paper but is now a firm reality. Their efficiency was ably demonstrated during the Westover Evacuation Exercise (Operation Orange).

While Director, William Squires spent many hours on organizational work which is now paying off in terms of a workable and efficient Civil Defense Organization tailored to fit the needs of the citizens of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,
HARVEY M. DICKINSON
Acting Director of Civil Defense

Report of Summer Recreation Committee

The Swimming Instruction program was the main activity of this committee during 1956. This program included a series of swimming lessons at Lake Arcada (Middle Pond) under the supervision once again of Mrs. Frederick Sheppard of Amherst. Mrs. Sheppard is a qualified Red Cross Swimming Instructor. Over 100 children responded to the swimming program and the continued support of the parents has been most gratifying. A dock was built at the Lake and a permanent type out-building constructed on the premises.

The summer recreation program formerly held at Parsons Field was brought up for discussion at the 1956 annual town meeting. At this meeting, it was voted to discontinue that phase of the recreational program because of the impracticability of carrying on such an expensive program that drew meager and spasmodic attendance. Parsons Field continues to be used as a ball field and for playground activities not under an organized program.

An article appearing on the warrant for the 1957 annual town meeting calls for the investigation of the feasibility of a Parks and Recreation Committee, with control over the public property at Lake Arcadia, the Common, Parsons Field and the Old Town Hall to be vested in such a committee. This committee would like to recommend, that if a study committee is voted, that the youth recreational needs of the town be thoroughly investigated.

WILLARD H. YOUNG, SR.
W. PAIGE PIPER
JOHN W. AVERY

Report of Regional School Planning Board

The Belchertown-Granby Regional School District Planning Board during 1956, has been busily occupied with further study of the advisability of recommending to our towns the direction in which they should move.

Sixteen meetings of the Board, alternating between the towns, plus field meetings and contacts with the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission, together with conferences with the School Committees and Superintendents of our school systems, has provided the necessary material needed for the drawing of an Agreement to put this program into shape for presentation to the voters of our respective communities. This proposed Agreement has been sent to the School Building Assistance Commission for review and recommendation, after which if funds are made available to the Board for printing, it will be distributed to the voters of our towns for their study and consideration. Construction and operating costs, financing, proposed curricula and all other matters having to do with the putting into operation of a project of this type and magnitude will be studied, and the information made available at the earliest possible time.

The recent opening of additional classrooms in Granby, with a much larger than expected enrollment, plus the addition of another teacher in the Junior High School and greatly increased enrollment in Belchertown, indicates that the need is increasing.

The Board appreciates the cooperative attitude of the town officials, school committees and administrative heads, who have assisted us whenever called upon.

This outline of the activities of the Board is submitted as a report of progress.

MARGARET W. DICKINSON, *Chmn.*
FITZHUGH L. TURNER, *Sec'y*
HERBERT R. DURANT
ISAAC A. HODGEN
NICHOLAS WHITE
E. CLIFTON WITT

Report of Old Town Hall Committee

The Old Town Hall contiinued to serve a valuable role in the recreational activity of the town. It is estimated that some event was scheduled five days of each week in the year.

Repairs to the building and equipment were made as needed. Water softening equipment was added to the boiler. An electrical scoreboard and clock were installed by the School Department, greatly helping the scoring of basketball games. As the year 1956 ends, the playing floor is being sanded, sealed, and re-marked to further improve this building.

Two piers under the building have recently been replaced. Additional funds for completing this project are being requested in the 1957 budget.

While funds for outside painting are not being requested in 1957, these should be appropriated in 1958 to forestall serious deterioration and improve appearances.

WILLARD H. YOUNG, SR.
F. L. TURNER, JR.
CHARLES F. AUSTIN

Report of Planning Board

After a relatively inactive year, the Planning Board has been reorganized with George Jackson as chairman. Mr. Roy King, former chairman, has resigned from the Board, due to increased business pressures.

Meetings were held in November and December, and progress has been made in drafting acceptable zoning by-laws and subdivision control regulations.

The Board will operate with substantially increased activity in 1957, and consequently requests an appropriation of $500 for the fiscal year 1957 to cover anticipated expenses. It is also recommended that any unexpended funds for 1956 be carried over for use in 1957.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. JACKSON
ROBERT J. BRADEN
WILLIAM E. ALDRICH
RICHARD D. N. DICKINSON

Report of Town History Committee

The Town Hstory Committee at this time wish to make a report of progress.

ISAAC A. HODGEN, *Chairman*
JULIA T. SHUMWAY, *Secretary*

Report of Elementary School Building Committee

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

In its previous report the committee stated that final bills would be ready for approval by the Massachusetts Building Assistance Commission during the summer of 1956. When it became evident that negotiations would not be completed with the H. P. Cummings Company relative to: adjustments for delay in construction, the correction of minor structural defects, and payment for extras not included in the base contract, the committee requested permission from the Commission to make the final settlement in 1957.

During the past year additional items of equipment were purchased and certain areas around the school building hard surfaced. The elementary playground equipment from Center School was moved and will be located as soon as the weather permits.

The committee regrets the unavoidable delay in completing its duties, but feels that the best interests of the town have been served.

E. CLIFTON WITT, *Chairman*
RACHEL G. SHUMWAY, *Secretary*
ISAAC A. HODGEN
CARL J. PETERSON

Report of Veterans' Services

Fanny G. Morey, Agent Expenditure $5,854.42

Services rendered Veterans during the year of 1956 has increased over 1955, almost entirely due to World War I Veterans needing much more assistance.

4 Veterans were aided in filling out their State Bonus Forms and Forms were sent or given to 4 more.

2 Veterans were secured beds in the Boston VA Hospital.

1 of these Veterans required transportation. This was furnished by the Police Department.

1 Veteran was transferred from Wing Memorial Hospital to the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke.

Have worked with the Welfare Department on several cases which never reached our books. One, that of an unworthy Veteran, your Agent was successful in obtaining approval from the Commissioner's Office in Boston for the hospitalization of 4 children. This being a State Settlement, the town will be reimbursed in full for the hospital bill of $484.00.

1 Veteran was aided in obtaining Compensation. Therefore, he did not become a permanent case.

1 hospitalized Veteran was assisted in obtaining Domiciliary Care. As a result, $167.35 was deducted from his hospital bill.

Report of Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1956

General Accounts

ASSETS

Cash		$147,985.47
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
Levy of 1955:		
Personal Property	40.10	
Real Estate	8.40	48.50
Levy of 1956:		
Poll Taxes	16.00	
Personal Property	5,905.56	
Real Estate	18,042.42	23,963.98
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1956		4,972.23
Tax Titles & Possessions:		
Tax Titles	3,508.97	
Tax Possessions	154.62	3,663.59

General Accounts

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Employees' Payroll Deductions:		
Health Insurance		2.91
Agency:		
Dog Licenses due County		3.60
Impounding & Sale of Cattle		312.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care—Bequests		600.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots		105.00
Trust Fund Income:		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund		898.37
Cemetery Perpetual Care—Income		45.51
Recoveries:		
Old Age Assistance		2,939.55
Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance:		
Assistance	$2,385.17	
Administration	372.27	
Disability Assistance:		
Assistance	232.52	
Administration	20.65	
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Assistance	288.78	
Administration	9.01	3,308.40

Departmental:		
Highways	27.00	
Old Age Assistance	294.40	
Veterans' Services	19.00	340.40
Sewer Rentals 1956		175.00
Aid to Highways:		
State	13,631.78	
County	4,000.00	17,631.78
Dog Officer Fees		6.50
Underestimate of 1956:		
State Parks & Reservations	338.23	
County Tax	109.60	447.83
Overdrawn Accounts:		
Flood Relief		2,995.79
		$202,230.79

Revolving Funds:		
High School Athletic Fund	.70	
School Lunch	756.89	757.59
Appropriations:		
General		24,756.95
Non Revenue:		
New Elementary School Const.	1,000.00	
New Elementary School Equip.	480.98	
Elementary School Bldg.	739.17	2,220.15
Sale of Real Estate		813.68
Receipts Reserved for Appropriations:		
Road Machinery Earnings		15,499.08
Insurance Reserve		812.25
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		11,150.22
Overlay Reserved for Abatements:		
Levy 1955	48.50	
Levy 1956	4,450.51	4,499.01
Revenue Reserved until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise	4,972.23	
Tax Title & Tax Possessions	3,663.59	
Departmental	340.40	
Special Assessments	175.00	
Aid to Highways	17,631.78	26,783.00
Surplus Revenue		106,723.52
		$202,230.79

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:	
Inside Debt Limit:	
General	$178,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:	
General	177,000.00
	$355,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTS

Trust & Investment Funds:	
Cash and Securities	60,988.73
Investments Funds Cash and Security	10,222.11
	$71,210.84

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Serial Loans:		
Inside Debt Limit:		
Sewer Loan 1949	31,000.00	
Sewer Loan 1952	4,000.00	
Fire Equipment Loan 1953	4,000.00	
School Building Loan 1952	139,000.00	178,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:		
School Building Loan 1952		177,000.00
		$355,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENTS ACCOUNTS

In Custody of Treasurer:	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	4,900.00
Whiting Street Poor Fund	10,363.17
George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,869.09
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	8,048.20
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,192.21
Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	1,374.22
Susan Bridgman Cemetery Fund	497.90
Nellie Brown Cemetery Fund	1,007.50
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	27,736.44
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	5,966.51
War Memorial Fund	4,255.60
	$71,210.84

Appropriations and Expenditures

Account	Appropriation	Transfers and Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Selectmen, Salaries	$875.00		$875.00	
Selectmen, Expenses	200.00		199.79	.21
Town Accountant, Salary	650.00		650.00	
Town Accountant, Expenses	75.00	25.00t	100.00	
Town Treasurer, Salary	1,250.00		1,250.00	
Town Treasurer, Expenses	540.00	75.00t 41.47r	655.51	.86
Tax Collector, Salary	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Tax Collector, Expenses	725.00	79.83r 17.42t	822.25	
Town Clerk, Salary	850.00		850.00	
Town Clerk, Expenses	120.00	75.00t 2.50r	197.50	
Assessors' Salaries	1,300.00		1,300.00	
Assessors' Expenses	600.00		596.14	3.86
Election and Registration	1,200.00	385.00t	1,579.03	5.97
Certification of Notes	10.00		2.00	8.00
Law	600.00		545.00	55.00
Town Hall	800.00		800.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00		400.00	
L. Memorial Hall Exterior	400.00		400.00	
American Legion Hdqtrs.	410.00		372.00	38.00
Police Department	3,400.00	158.60t	3,558.60	
Fire Department	2,865.00	183.75r	3,007.16	41.59
Forest Fire Account	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Hydrant Service	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Moth Suppression	800.00		780.00	20.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00		999.25	.75
Tree Warden	1,200.00		1,197.35	2.65
Sealer Weights & Measures	100.00		99.45	.55
Inspector of Wires	150.00		150.00	
Civil Defense	1,195.00		802.92	392.08
Health	750.00	322.96t	1,072.96	
Sewers, Maintenance	3,600.00		3,499.68	100.32
Highways—Chapter 81	6,000.00	28,325.00* 9.92t	34,334.92	
Highways—Chapter 90 C	14,300.26		4,037.85	10,262.41
Highways—Chapter 90 M	5,152.05	.08t	5,152.13	
Highways—Snow Removal	6,000.00	1,034.29t	7,034.29	
Highways—Bridges	1,500.00	563.00a	2,049.49	13.51
Highways—Streets	2,300.00		2,300.00	
Highways—Streets No. 2	4,000.00		3,986.65	13.35
Highways—Sidewalks	100.00	40.45t	91.35	49.10
Road Machinery Expense	5,390.80c	1,500.00a 114.37r	2,004.37	33.43

Account	Appropriations	Transfers and Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Cold Spring Road	935.75		935.75	
Poole Road	129.26		115.40	13.86
George Hannum Road	51.78c	1,000.00a	1,045.86	5.92
Street Lights	3,300.00		3,251.30	48.70
Cleaning & Repairing Water Holes	424.04c	300.00a	35.00	689.04
Flood Relief				—2,995.51
Public Welfare, Salaries	425.00		425.00	
Public Welfare, Gen. Relief	1,500.00		1,015.80	484.20
Public Welfare, District	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Old Age Assistance	36,000.00	566.11r	33,485.38	3,080.73
Disability Assistance	3,000.00		2,793.01	206.99
Aid to Dependent Children	1,500.00			1,500.00
School Department	193,357.00	2.47r	193,244.86	114.61
Vocational Education	4,000.00	139.19t	4,126.24	12.95
Elementary School Bldg.	3,000.00		2,260.83	739.17
New Ele. Sch. Bldg. Cons.	2,000.00c		1,000.00	1,000.00
New Ele. Sch. Bldg. Equip.	545.93c		64.95	480.98
Clapp Memorial Library	1,486.68		1,486.68	
Unclassified	700.00		692.80	7.20
Parsons Field	350.00		203.38	146.62
Summer Recreation	350.00	22.20t	372.20	
Insurance	5,503.43	810.00a 151.98r	6,462.21	3.20
Memorial Day	200.00		200.00	
Veterans' Day	60.00		60.00	
Photostats of Discharges	10.00		1.50	8.50
Town Clock	100.00		100.00	
Town Dump	325.00		163.00	162.00
Town Common	225.00	40.00t	247.00	17.20
Planning Board	396.17			396.17
Landers Playground	22.75c			22.75
No. Wash. St. Sidewalk	821.00		821.00	
Unpaid Bills of 1955	462.77		462.77	
Reserve Fund	3,500.00		3,106.34	393.66
War Memorial	500.00		500.00	
Town History	200.00		9.00	191.00
Printing and Publishing 1955 Assessed Valuations	500.00	89.00t	589.00	
Mt. Hope Cemetery Fence	125.00		125.00	
Cemeteries	1,200.00	525.00a 47.00r	1,705.07	66.93
Soldiers' Graves	250.00		168.40	81.60
Interest	8,192.00	432.23t	8,624.23	
Maturing Debt	26,000.00		26,000.00	

t—Transfers r—Refunds d—Dividend a—Additional c—Carry-over *—State and County Allotments —Deficit (Flood Relief)

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

January 15, 1957

Sewer Construction Loan of 1949	$31,000.00
Serial Notes bearing interest at the rate of two and one-half per cent per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 20 years from date of issue, and $1,000 annually for five years thereafter.	
Amount payable in 1957	2,000.00
Sewer Construction Loan of 1952	4,000.00
Serial Notes bearing interest at the rate of two and one-half per cent per annum and maturing $1,000.00 annually for eight years from date of issue.	
Amount payable in 1957	1,000.00
School Building Loan of 1951	177,000.00
Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.10%, dated August 1, 1952, and payable annually $12,000.00 for 5 years and $11,000.00 annually for 15 years.	
Amount payable in 1957	12,000.00
School Building Loan of 1952	139,000.00
Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.10%, dated August 1, 1952, payable $9,000.00 annually for fifteen years, and $8,000.00 annually for five years.	
Amount payable in 1957	9,000.00
Fire Apparatus Loan of 1953	4,000.00
Serial Notes bearing interest at the rate of 2¾% per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 5 years from date of issue.	
Amount payable in 1957	2,000.00

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Authorized by Finance Committee

From Reserve Fund to:

Town Accountant, Expense	$25.00	
Tax Collector, Expense	17.42	
Town Clerk, Expense	75.00	
Police Department	158.60	
Health	322.96	
Highways—Chapter 81	9.92	
Highways—Chapter 90 M	.08	
Highways—Sidewalks	40.45	
Highways—Snow Removal	1,034.29	
Veterans' Aid	700.00	
Vocational Education	139.19	
Town Common	40.00	
Printing & Publishing 1955 Assessed Valuation	89.00	
Summer Recreation	22.20	
Interest	432.23	$3,106.34

FANNY G. MOREY, *Town Accountant*

January 28, 1957

I certify that as Town Accountant I have examined the cash accounts and trust fund accounts of the Town Treasurer, Robert D. Camp, Sr., and found the balances sufficient to cover said accounts in cash and in bank deposits.

Fanny G. Morey, Town Accountant

January 28, 1957

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

Fanny G. Morey, Town Accountant, personally appeared before me and made oath that the above statement by her subscribed is true.

Byron A. Hudson, Notary Public

Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

	Term Expires
FITZHUGH L. TURNER, Chairman	1957
MRS. FANNY G. MOREY	1958
WALTER P. PIPER	1959

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

CARL J. PETERSON South Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 4791
Telephone Office: 3111

Secretary and Clerk

MRS. MAY ROSE DEWEY North Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 3591

Meetings of School Committee

At 7:30 P. M. on the Second Wednesday of the Month

School Nurse

MRS. TIRZAH JUSKALIAN, R. N., Green Avenue, Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 2832
Telephone Office: 4371

School Physician

JAMES L. COLLARD, M. D. Maple St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 2411

Attendance Officer

WILLIAM J. KIMBALL, JR. North Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 4351

No School Signal

4 Siren Signals at 7:15 A. M.

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

During 1956 the School Committee held 21 regular and special meetings. The Committee have conscientiously endeavored to provide for the best interests of the pupils and the people generally in accordance with the ample powers conferred by legislation.

One of the most persistent problems confronting the School Committee is the matter of extending bus routes. Every request from a parent or neighborhood group has merit and justification. The Committee give very careful consideration to all requests and believe that the best understanding of a problem is reached through a joint meeting with the parents concerned. In addition to this conference, the bus operator is asked to estimate the additional running time involved and to give his opinion regarding the safety of operating the bus over the proposed extension.

The law, restated in simple terms, states that if the distance between a child's residence and the school exceeds two miles the child should be transported, and further, that no child so transported should walk more than one mile from his home to the bus stop.

The State reimbursement for transportation is based on the cost of providing transportation for pupils living more than one and one-half miles from school.

The Committee feel that the safety and convenience of pupils living within the mile and one-half limit could best be served by the extension of sidewalks and their proper maintenance during the winter months.

The general policy of the Committee is to have no bus stop within a one mile limit from the school building. Exceptions to this rule are made when pupils requiring transportation for health reasons furnish a doctor's statement.

By unanimous vote, the Belchertown School Committee respectfully ask the town to appropriate the sum of $213,625 for the running of the schools during 1957.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1957

	Appropriation 1956	Appropriation 1957
GENERAL CONTROL	$11,000.00	$11,245.00
INSTRUCTION	115,297.00	131,867.00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT	21,263.00	22,981.00
REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS	2,500.00	3,745.00
TRANSPORTATION	32,000.00	32,000.00
HEALTH	4,150.00	4,455.00
MISCELLANEOUS	740.00	755.00
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	5,057.00	5,227.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	800.00	800.00
LIBRARY	550.00	550.00
	$193,357.00	$213,625.00

SECTION 10 of School Aid, Chapter 643, Acts of 1948, requires School Committees when submitting their school budgets, to include an estimate of the following receipts:

Group A.		
1. School Aid, Chapter 643	$37,688.88	
2. Transportation	28,341.04	
3. Superintendent Reimbursement	3,333.33	
4. Vocational Arts	2,216.38	$71,579.63
Group B.		
1. Tuition and Transportation of State Wards	6,565.65	6,565.65
		$78,145.28
Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation		$135,479.72

FITZHUGH L. TURNER, *Chairman*
FANNY G. MOREY
WALTER P. PIPER
School Committee

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Members of the School Committee and Citizens of Belchertown:

I herewith submit my fifth annual report on the Belchertown Public Schools.

There is opportunity and challenge in the administration and direction of the local schools into the uncertain future that lies ahead. The complexities caused by state, national and international affairs may seem to be too far removed to influence local education. However, the expansion of Westover Air Force Base, the completion of the East-West Toll Highway, and the industrial growth in Western Massachusetts are three outstanding illustrations of changes taking place within a commuting distance of Belchertown that profoundly affect life in this community.

In addition to the problems created by forces external to the Town, there are also challenges to be met locally in improving the schools. The "status quo" cannot be maintained if boys and girls are to be given the type of schooling that will enable them to compete successfully with their peers when they go out to work or on to higher education. It is no more apropos to apply the sometimes wishful thinking of the "good old days" to education than to wish to turn back the calendar of medicine, science, engineering or other fields of human endeavor. The areas reported below include problems that cannot be ignored nor solved by emotional or prejudiced thinking.

1. The recruitment of new teachers in the face of the double-barreled difficulty brought about by the shortage of available candidates and the increased certification requirements.

2. The salary upgrading of existing school personnel not only in terms of annual wages on an attractive and competitive salary schedule but also the provision for adequate sick-leave and health insurance benefits.

3. The critical appraisal of the local educational program insofar as it has and should expand into a broad program beyond the fundamental skills or "Three R's".

4. The expansion of the scope of services to provide for: physical education for both boys and girls; manual arts at the junior and senior high school level; special classes for the exceptional child; a complete guidance program; and, provision for the preschool or kindergarten level child.

5. The maintenance and improvement of the present school plant and equipment and the possibility of future expansion.

6. The consideration of the formation of a region with some other community to bring about a joint solution to these and other school problems that would be educationally sound and economically feasible.

The following reports submitted by members of the Staff outline in detail changes and progress that has taken place in our schools during the past year.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Miss Eleanor Fitzgerald, Principal

Franklin School reopened with an enrollment of 84 pupils as follows:

Grade 1	18	Grade 3	10	Grade 5	15
Grade 2	13	Grade 4	14	Grade 6	14

The teachers participated in an Arithmetic Workshop course during the past months. This program was conducted by Miss Margaret Shea, Supervisor of Elementary Education, assisted by instructors from various State Teachers Colleges. New techniques and displays were utilized to illustrate teaching methods that have proved most helpful to children. It is felt that in-service programs are particularly beneficial to the teacher in enabling her to better meet the needs of each child.

We have indeed been very fortunate in having Mr. Donald Geer, Audio-Visual Director, show one educational film a month to the pupils of grades five and six. This is part of the Audio-Visual program that has proved so successful in all our schools.

American Education Week, November 11-16, was observed with Open House in the evening and regular classes during the day. We appreciate the interest shown by parents who visited school during that week. Best results can be achieved by children only when there is interest and cooperation between parents and teachers.

As in previous years, the Stanford and Metropolitan Tests were administered to all pupils. From these tests the teachers were able to judge the ability of each child and to provide more adequately for the needs, interests, and abilities of the superior, average, and slow learning child. Thus the curriculum must be flexible to meet the needs of all children.

Children learn by doing. Taking this into consideration, a Student Council has been recently organized. It is hoped that this will encourage children to assume responsibilities, practice cooperation and develop characteristics of leadership. Such experiences will help boys and girls to become better citizens in the school, home and community.

Comfort and cleanliness enable all to obtain better results. This objective has been achieved by Mr. Albert Dudek, our custodian.

COLD SPRING SCHOOL

Mr. Elwyn J. Doubleday, Principal

To place a more desired emphasis on the three R's in the Elementary School, the teachers have taken part in an extensive in-service training program. Under the supervision of Miss Margaret Shea of the State Department, the teachers have been participating in an arithmetic workshop with Miss Mildred Stone of Salem Teachers College and Miss Lena West of Worcester Teachers College. The purpose of this workshop is to improve methods of instruction in all phases of arithmetic. As a result of this continuing program, new proven devices have already been introduced in the classroom; improved drill techniques are being adopted; better evaluative criteria are being used; and arithmetic has become more meaningful to the child. The future aims of this program include a new course of study and the selection of a new textbook.

Continued emphasis is being placed on our reading program. The planned program, using Scott-Foresman Basal Reader, was expanded to include a reading text for Grade 6 and the replacement of the old readers in grades 1, 2, and 3. Supplementary readers were added to the present library, including a complete set of Golden Rule Readers for Grade 6. Many of the teachers have enrolled in reading courses in the nearby colleges in order to keep up-to-date in modern reading techniques.

Writing instruction has continued under the supervision of the Rinehart Supervisors with the classroom teachers carrying out the daily assignments. Cursive writing is taught at all grade levels.

With the increased time available, Mrs. Olive Molt, Art Supervisor, was able to expand her program so that more time could be allotted to the intermediate grades. This program permitted a correlation of art activities with each new unit in social studies. Through her guidance and help, pupils were able to gain recognition in both the *Poppy Poster Contest*, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary, and the *Be Kind to Animals Poster Contest*, sponsored by the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. We are very much pleased with this art program and regret that Mrs. Molt is leaving us.

Mrs. Cook's music program again proved very successful. The year ended with a very fine musical performance as part of the school Christmas exercises. Several other assembly programs were conducted which served to commemorate important incidents in our American heritage.

The purchase of a duplicating machine made it possible for teachers to duplicate a great deal of material for pupil use. An important part of any classroom program is the providing of purposeful seatwork.

Our testing program this year included the administering of the Stanford Achievement Test to all pupils in May and the administering of the Otis I. Q. to Grade 2.

Field trips to local establishments were again conducted by several grades. In June, Grades 5 and 6 toured the Springfield Museum and Planetarium.

Mrs. Mary Avery and Mrs. Frances Hodgen served as substitute teachers in Grades 2 and 6, due to the extended illnesses of two teachers. The School Department is fortunate to have trained substitutes available.

A new Pre-School Bulletin was prepared in May for use in conjunction with pre-school day. The visible index appears to have been most helpful to parents.

When school reopened in September, Mrs. Florence Swenson began her duties as a first-grade teacher, replacing Mrs. Doris Crespi who had resigned. All other teaching assignments remained unchanged.

A play area at the rear of the building was hard surfaced early in September. This area has been a stepping stone to outdoor activities and should be enlarged. Plans are under way to install the playground equipment now on hand. Teachers and pupils are looking forward to the completion of the playground area.

Three practice teachers did work in Grades 1, 2 and 4 during the fall and early winter. This teacher-training program has been beneficial both to the nearby colleges and to our school system.

The principal participated in the Elementary Principals' Conference at Amherst, the theme of which was, "Improving the Quality of Elementary Education". He also attended the conference in Swampscott, the subject of which was "More Adjusting Today for a Better Tomorrow". In Boston, at the New England Conference on Instruction sponsored by NEA, the principal participated on a panel dealing with Elementary School Safety and was a member of a discussion group dealing with evaluation.

The cafeteria continued in operation with approximately 220 lunches, 90 milk, and 125 extra milk served daily. The success of this worthwhile program is evident by the number of pupils participating. On November 21, a Thanksgiving Dinner was served to all children and on December 20, a Christmas Dinner was prepared for all children.

On November 13, the annual open house was held in observance of American Education Week. Nearly two hundred parents and friends visited the school. Teachers were on duty in their classrooms to explain the work of each grade. Such parental interest is gratifying.

A new report card was introduced to Grades 1-3 which is comparable to the one now being used so successfully in Grades 4-8. Parental comments on the reports have been very favorable and most welcome.

The maintenance program of the building is outstanding, due to both the allocation of sufficient time of personnel and the custodian interest in pupil health and safety.

At the end of the school year 70 sixth graders were promoted to Grade 7. For the second year, over 400 different children were enrolled in this school.

The present enrollment is as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Totals
Grade 1	32	25	57
Grade 2	30	29	59
Grade 3	40	29	69
Grade 4	34	22	56
Grade 5	34	25	59
Grade 6	32	26	58
			358

The elementary school must share the responsibility of helping children to grow socially, emotionally, and physically as well as intellectually. Each child has a contribution to make and he must have many opportunities to make that contribution. The Staff is proud to say that the opportunities are being provided to meet these responsibilities.

CENTER SCHOOL

Mr. Donald E. Geer, Principal

The Center School is now in its third year of operation as a modified junior high school. Since September 1954, many changes have taken place with respect to the enrollment, the staff, the program and the physical organization of the building.

The enrollment has increased from one hundred twenty in September 1954, to one hundred sixty in September 1956. The rise was particularly noted in the seventh grade which this year numbered ninety, a number too large to be adequately instructed on a two divisional basis.

To relieve this situation, grade seven has been divided into three groups for all subjects. The two dvisional system still exists in grade eight.

The program of instruction is being carried out by a teaching staff which now numbers six. Mr. Robert Cummings replaced Mr. Aloysius Bundrick, who resigned at the end of the last school year. Mrs. Bettie McCaffrey and Mr. Donald Buss have been added.

To make the building more adaptable, the partition dividing the original auditorium into two classrooms has been removed. This allows for a more adequate classroom as well as for a more adequate auditorium.

Each year new pupil desks have been purchased to replace the existing inadequate ones. This year forty new units were received. However, because of the increased enrollment, these desks are serving to supplement the number already in use rather than to replace them.

Some much needed roof repair was accomplished this year as well as the removal of the elementary school playground equipment fixtures. Both of these were objectives set forth two years ago.

The school activities are continuing as in the past. Three school dances have been conducted since last January. The school paper, an eighth grade activity, has been published regularly. In June, appropriate exercises were conducted honoring the fifty-seven eighth grade pupils who were being advanced to the high school building. This fall a touch football team was organized which participated in a series with the Granby school. At the present time the basketball team is preparing for a schedule which will begin in January. The student council, which holds weekly meetings, has been active in several areas. This fall the group again organized the parking program on Fair Day, served at the open house in November, established school colors, discussed scholastic eligibility for school activities, and planned the school Christmas program. Problems remaining to be discussed include: establishing a reading library, promoting greater school spirit, and increasing self-pride.

As can be seen, the staff and program are being adapted to meet the demands of the increasing school population, but it remains a question as to the adaptability of the building in dealing effectively with this problem.

HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Guy E. Harrington, Principal

The enrollment in September, 1956 was as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Totals
Seniors	10	12	22
Juniors	7	18	25
Sophomores	21	26	47
Freshmen	18	36	54
	—	—	—
	56	92	148

Twelve girls and eight boys graduated in June 1956. Of these graduates, Barbara Boucher is attending American International College; Donald Camp and Conrad Dugre are studying at the University of Massachusetts; Lorena Joyal is enrolled at Green Mountain Junior College; Sylvia Small is attending Brandeis University; Frances Smith is preparing for a career in nursing at the Springfield Hospital; Raymond Howe, Peter Nelson, Leroy Reece, and Kenneth Rhodes have joined the United States Navy; Marjorie McCray is a member of the Women's Division of the Marine Corps;

Ronald Fourner has a position in a Springfield Bank; Marie Booth is employed at the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, Springfield; Carol Casey has employment at Monarch Life Insurance Company, Springfield; Antoinette Dupont works at the Daisy Mae Restaurant; Martha Dorey works at the Crystal Spring Farm Dairy Bar; Barbara Ely works at the Belchertown State School; Barbara Squires is married; Joyce Wenzel is at home; and Robert Sutcliffe is doing carpenter work for Mr. Plant.

With the departure of Robert D. Camp, Jr., for military service last fall, it was necessary to change some of the teaching assignments. Mrs. Marie Pepin now teaches the sciences. Mrs. Alice Sullivan was engaged to teach history and the English classes formerly taught by Mrs. Pepin. A course in mechanical drawing is being conducted this year under the direction of Mrs. Olive Molt, Art Supervisor.

The participation in the school lunch program is most gratifying. On an average, 100 pupils and teachers are served hot lunches each day. The highest count was 141 at the Thanksgiving dinner. The lunches are prepared at the Cold Spring School Cafeteria and transported to the high school. Such a cafeteria program should bring about better health for children since they receive a balanced diet and have the opportunity of acquiring practice in proper eating habits.

The Belchertown School Band started under the direction of Mr. Harold Young, who resigned last spring; and is continuing to progress under the supervision of Mr. Joseph Contino, Associate Professor of Music and Band Director at the University of Massachusetts. Mr. Contino is specializing in music technique for concert band work as well as individual instructions on the trumpet, clarinet, saxophone, and drums. Band officers are: President, Marion Horta; Vice President Raymond Hill; Secretary, Jean Fuller; and Treasurer, Sheila Mullane.

The school savings plan has, so far, proved very successful. Several pupils have participated and some of the teachers, too, have opened accounts. The cooperation of the officials of the Belchertown Branch of the Ludlow Savings Bank creates a splendid public relations project.

Our sports program has been confined to a schedule of twenty games in basketball and ten games in baseball. This activity constitutes the main part of the physical education program.

Last year the cheerleaders participated in a tournament at Deerfield. They were happy to return to Belchertown with the winning trophy. They won first prize in competition with six other schools. The trophy automatically is given to the school, and the winners hope it will inspire this year's cheerleaders to keep good school spirit and win honors at another cheering tournament.

The driver education program has been continuing successfully. Arrangements were made with the Como Chevrolet Company of Ware for a car for "the behind the Wheel" part of the training.

More emphasis has been placed on visual aids during the past year. Volunteers have been taught to operate the various visual aids machines owned by the schools. Current events films have been shown to the history classes. Several films pertaining to science have been viewed by the pupils in the science and household arts classes. The school owns a few standard films; but most of the material used is obtained from the film library of the Audio-Visual Extension Course of the University of Massachusetts.

The seniors have taken their annual trip to the Stone House. They were conducted through the building by members of the Historical Association. They were astonished at the large collection of old items, many of which had to be explained by the guides. The members of the class wrote essays concerning the objects observed, and at Commencement the three best essay winners received cash prizes awarded by the Historical Association.

Last spring, the 1956 seniors presented a Literary Review Magazine. In this new venture, short stories, essays, and poems were written by the students. All those who contributed some piece of literature did so enthusiastically.

The problems of democracy class sponsored a UNICEF drive to aid the children of the United Nations. The children of the

Cold Spring, Franklin, and Junior High Schools assisted. When they went "trick or treat", they carried a can with a UNICEF band. People were as generous with their money as they were with their treats. The drive was successful and a profit of $114 was realized. Other successful drives have been the March of Dimes and the Red Cross collections.

The Iowa Tests of Educational Development were given last September. These tests help to classify pupils, discover individual differences, make comparisons, determine in what fields the pupils have unusual ability or weakness, and help to measure the results of teaching. In addition, aptitude tests have been administered by officials from the Ware Office of the Division of Employment Security.

The Emory F. Munsell Award has expired. However, the Holland family is glad to carry on the award under the same qualifications and achievements, in memory of Elizabeth H. and Nelson C. Holland, who were instrumental in having the original Munsell bequest channeled as it was, "To honor the memory of a fine old gentleman and a long resident of Belchertown."

Various assemblies have included programs by outside speakers, representatives from General Motors, Western Massachusetts Electric Company, Kenneth Wheeler, WNAC, Boston, Miss Chrystine Coleman, student government day campaigns, a General Electric Representative, oratorical contest, magazine drives and plays. At the Pre-Memorial assembly, a new school flag was presented to the school through the kindness of Mrs. Catherine Germain in memory of her son Raymond Germain, a graduate of the class of 1942, who lost his life in World War II.

There have been several educational tours. Some of these include the Washington and New York trip by the seniors; the visit to the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company, Springfield, NOMA, and Monsanto by the commercial students; the Higgins Museum in Worcester by the classes in world history; the Handy Meat Packing Company and the Springfield Trade School by the Household Arts pupils; the Western Massachusetts Music

Festival at Westfield by the high school glee clubs and the school band; the visiting of the many divisions at Quabbin by the chemistry class; the inspection of the Springfield Hospital laboratory by the sophomore biology class; the office tour of Forbes and Wallace, Inc., Springfield, by the advanced bookkeeping class.

Several members of the faculty have been enrolled in courses at the University of Massachusetts and American International College for the purpose of gaining credits toward higher degrees and for general professional improvement. Also, some of the teachers have attended the arithmetic workshop at the Cold Spring School to be better aware of the modern techniques in the teaching of mathematics and to correlate the high school courses with the elementary instruction.

VOCATIONAL HOUSEHOLD ARTS

Mrs. Florence Jackson, Instructor

The 113 girls at present enrolled in Household Arts mark a new high in numbers. They are divided as follows:

Seventh grade	40
Eighth grade	38
Ninth grade	19
Tenth grade	16

The enthusiasm of the Junior High youngsters continues high and their accomplishments limited only by the relatively small amount of time they are able to spend on the subject each week.

The seventh grade girls start on cotton gathered skirts to get the fundamentals of sewing, both by hand and machine. They can then go ahead with simple dresses and blouses.

The eighth grade girls continue in clothing with an effort to improve the techniques already learned and continue with more difficult creations. They also have classes in foods, learning fundamental methods and as much food values as time permits.

The high school girls begin a more concentrated study of meal planning, food values and serving. In clothing they have more difficult projects, advacing to simple tailoring. Home making units also include home nursing, jointly taught by the school nurse, Mrs. Juskalian.

Perhaps the high spot of the year was the fashion show held in the Memorial Hall, one evening in May. In planning and preparation for this new feature, Miss Dorothy Moore, a practice teacher from the University of Massachusetts, gave invaluable assistance. The show was very well attended by students, parents, and friends. A surprisingly large number of males came to admire and applaud. Each girl in the department modeled at least one garment, and younger members of the family of some of the girls were on stage modelling clothes made for them by class members. We received much favorable comment from this project and have reason to believe that it was enjoyed by the audience. The refreshments following the show were prepared and served by the girls.

The field trips this year included a visit to the Handy Meat Packing Plant and to Springfield Trade High School. Several of our girls have done post graduate work at the Springfield School in Beauty Culture and Medical Assistance.

The Department also plans and arranges an exhibit each year for the Belchertown Fair in October.

The Advisory Council and the parents have been most co-operative in providing assistance for the various undertakings.

MUSIC

Mrs. Clara Cook, Supervisor

Music is necessary in the education of every child. The normal child is artistically educable. The entirely unmusical child is a rarity.

During the year the Junior and Senior High School Glee Clubs gave several public performances. At the Western Massachusetts Music Festival, the Senior Glee Club auditioned and received a fine rating.

There has been a marked increase in the number of pupils who wish to participate in glee club activity. Time permits the organization of a limited number of groups. At the present, clubs have been organized at the Center School, at the High School freshman and sophomore level, at the High School junior and senior level, and an experimental elementary group at the Cold Spring School.

A well-organized music education program is a sequence of aesthetic experiences providing enjoyment, relaxation, recreation, and personality development.

Each year this report will contain a summarization of the accamplishment at a particular grade level. This year the program in grade one is discussed.

Children enter school with widely different musical backgrounds. some come from homes in which there has been singing or instrumental music. Others come from homes in which there has been no music at all, and the child has in no way been encouraged to express himself through music.

In the first grade children are taught to sing songs by rote. There are two types of rote songs: the melodic, such as a lullaby, which is identified by its smooth flowing melody; the rhythmic, which has a definite pattern, as walking, running, skipping, swaying, jumping, rowing, stretching and bending.

Young children have two vocal registers. One is the chest voice, characterized by a harsh, reedy, unpleasant sound. The other is the head voice characterized by a light, thin, unforced flute-like quality. The children should sing with this head voice at all times.

The child who cannot sing in tune will not learn to carry a melody by singing as one of a group. He receives indivdual attenton, such as matching single tones sung by the teacher.

Rhythmic activity provides children with many experiences favorable to social development and adjustments. The use of records and participation in the rhythm band is one way of accomplishing this goal.

The last part of the year the children make the symbols of music; such as, the staff, single and double bar, and G Cleff. They also sing the scale and do very simple note reading on an enlarged musical staff.

HEALTH

Mrs. Tirzah D. Juskalian, R. N.

To learn effectively and to be happy, children need good health. Health is defined as a state of physical, mental, and social well being and is not merely the absence of disease or infirmity. By this definition a school health program should be set up to include:

Physical Health—Learning about the body and its care.

Mental Health—Developing a normal personality.

Social Health—Learning to live harmoniously with others.

Safety—Learning to assume responsibility for personal safety and the safety of others.

Promotion of health in the school child requires the co-operative planning and teamwork of parents, professional groups, social agencies, and others interested in the welfare of children. The school plays an important role in the social structure of a community, especially in towns such as Belchertown, due to the absence of some of these related agencies.

Prerequisites of optimum growth include adequate food, fresh air, exercise, rest, and sleep. However, for his overall development the growing child also needs supervised social activity, responsibility, guided work, a co-operative home and understanding parents.

Education in health means more than formal classroom instruction. The knowledge and practice of health is more effectively gained through real experiences in personal care. There is an interrelation between the school and the home and parents can be teaching or "unteaching" health, as the case may be, along with the school. The school influences not only the families of its own students but the population of the community. It is my feeling that our school system is trying to do its share to meet these obligations.

Despite all precautions, accidents will occur while a child is in school. The lack of appreciation of the risk present, the exuberance of youthful play, the desire to excel in competition, etc., increases the occurrences of mishaps. In anticipation, the school is well prepared to cope with these situations. Provisions are made to give adequate first aid in school, parents are contacted, and either the school doctor or the family physician is called upon if further treatment is indicated. In case of illness the nurse takes the child home if the parent cannot arrange for transportation.

Again this year Mrs. Florence Jackson and the nurse are conducting classes in Home Nursing. This class, not to be confused with First Aid, imparts a knowledge of simple treatments and the care necessary for an ill person at home. This part of the Household Arts program should be available to all girls in the school.

The compulsory annual tests of vision and hearing, measurement of weight and height, and spaced physical examinations are only a part of the school health services. Referrals and follow-ups to clinics, requests for aid to and from other agencies whenever deemed advisable are also arranged. Visits to the home by the nurse increased this year and because of working parents it is sometimes necessary to make these calls in the evening. These home visits are one of the best means for the direct health education of the parent and the child. It also helps the nurse to see a child not only as a pupil in school but as a member of the family unit.

The general health picture has been excellent. Attendance in all buildings was very encouraging until the first part of November when a number of cases of mumps developed. Most of the cases were very light. Naturally the first grades felt the impact more than the other grades and there were relatively few cases in the Junior and Senior High Schools. Several parents called to report that except for puffy cheeks their offspring were fine and wished they were in school. Nevertheless, they were instructed to keep them at home for the legal minimum of seven days and to secure a doctor's certificate before returning to school.

The occurrence of so-called "epidemics" poses a very difficult problem. Whether or not a school should stay open or should close depends upon several facts: the character of the disease, the ubiquity of the infection, the likelihood that the children may mingle as much if schools are closed as if they were attending school, the advantage of having the students under the trained and observing eye of the teachers and nurse, and the question of what constitutes an epidemic. Whenever here is an unusual occurrence of illness or any communicable disease makes its appearance, the school physician is kept informed by written reports. Fortunately we have not suffered a real epidemic.

The Board of Health and the School Department jointly conducted the Anti-Polio clinics in the Cold Spring School. Two night sessions were held for the benefit of working persons. Dr. Kenneth L. Collard, Board of Health Physician, donated his services to administer the Salk Vaccine. The services volunteered by several of the town's registered nurses and clerical workers who assisted during these clinics is greatly appreciated. There were 1,489 doses of vaccine dispensed to 817 persons. These figures do not include injections given by private doctors.

Dental health is of great importance in the promotion of "well being". Examination of the mouth could reveal conditions which if not remedied might result in permanent damage. It is planned to have a dental survey in the near future.

Teachers and other workers who come in contact with children can do a better job if they themselves are in good health. To ensure maximum health for all school personnel, periodic physical examinations should be a regular part of the health program. This is especially true for all food handlers and bus drivers. At present all school employees must comply with the state law regarding chest X-rays.

The town is most fortunate in having readily available the services of Dr. James L. Collard. In addition to his prescribed duties as school physician, he patiently and willingly assists in giving first aid and in helping to solve other school health problems.

CONCLUSION

In concluding this report, I would like to mention the continued expansion of the school lunch program. At the present time approximately five hundred pupils and thirty-one adults participate daily. As of January 1, 1957 all pupils will be served in their respective school buildings but all food will continue to be prepared at the Cold Spring School.

To date it has not been possible to reduce the price of the meal below 25c. The lunch program is a non profit enterprise and is not supported by any direct appropriation from the Town. There are, however, certain expenses such as the cost of light and power that are included in the cost of the general running of the schools. If this cost was pro-rated as a cafeteria expenditure, it might be necessary to request an annual appropriation. Expenses connected with the operation of the cafeteria are roughly divided as follows: food, 61%; labor, 30%; and, 9% for other items such as cleaning supplies, new cooking and feeding utensils, and the transportation of lunches.

Mrs. Phyllis Mullane and her Staff are to be highly commended for the preparation and efficient serving of attractive and healthful menus. The school lunch is a health education laboratory with a natural setting for learning good eating habits. It is gratifying to note that principals and teachers are accepting the teaching of nutrition and desirable food habits as an integral part of the school curriculum.

Once again it is my pleasure to express to the School Committee my gratitude for their efforts on behalf of the children, the staff, and the physical plant. I would also like to thank the many organizations and individuals who have contributed their services to the welfare of our school children.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL J. PETERSON

Superintendent of Schools

School Financial Report

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOL EXPENDITURES, 1956

GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee		
Salaries	$325.00	
Expenses	51.50	$376.50
Superintendent of Schools		
Salary	6,349.94	
Expenses—including in and out-of-state travel, clerical help, postage, stationery and telephone	4,156.26	
Law Enforcement	27.48	10,533.68
INSTRUCTION		
Teachers' Salaries	107,785.43	
Teachers' Expenses	247.23	
Instructional	5,718.15	113,750.81
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Janitor Service	11,240.19	
Operation of Expense: Supplies, Telephone, Electricity and Water	5,216.20	
Fuel	6,586.01	23,042.40
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Repairs and Replacements	3,482.42	3,482.42

AUXILIARY AGENCIES		
Promotion of Health	4,028.94	
Transportation	31,674.12	35,703.06
MISCELLANEOUS	674.63	674.63
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Building Alteration, Grounds and New Equipment	800.00	800.00
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	4,593.87	4,593.87
LIBRARY	285.02	285.02
Total Expenditures from Appropriation		$193,242.39
From Available Funds		20.00
Total Cost of Schools		$193,262.39
RECEIPTS: Appropriation of 1956	$193,357.00	
Available Funds (George Barden)	20.00	193,377.00
BALANCE RETURNED TO TOWN		$114.61
RECEIPTS—Paid to the town of Belchertown from other sources than local taxation:		
Department of Public Welfare, State Wards	$7,617.18	
School Aid (Chapter 643)	36,251.38	
Transportation	27,414.94	
Superintendent Reimbursement	3,333.33	
Vocational Household Arts	1,967.89	$76,584.72
RECAPITULATION		
Total Cost of Schools		$193,262.39
Reimbursement from State		76,584.72
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown, 1956		$116,677.67
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown, 1955		98,877.59

Vocational Education Financial Report

Vocational Education Appropriation, 1956	$4,000.00	
Transfer from Reserve Funds, Dec. 31, 1956	139.19	4,139.19
Expenses:		
Transportation of Pupils, 1956	$1,179.75	
Tuition of Pupils, 1956	2,946.49	4,126.24
BALANCE RETURNED TO TOWN		$12.95
Receipts:		
Reimbursement: Transportation, 1956	$1,692.94	
Reimbursement: Tuition, 1956	561.50	$2,254.44
Recapitulation:		
Total Cost of Vocational Education		$4,126.24
Reimbursements from State		2,254.44
Actual Cost to the Town		$1,871.80

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1956

SCHOOL	GRADES												TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Cold Spring Sch.	56	58	66	51	60	54							345
Center School							90	73					163
Franklin School	19	13	11	13	15	14							85
High School									54	47	25	22	148
	75	71	77	64	75	68	90	73	54	47	25	22	741

School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 5, 1956 to JUNE 21, 1957

1956

September 5—Wednesday—Schools open for beginning of school year

October 12—Friday—Schools Closed—Columbus Day

October 19—Friday—Schools Closed—Hampden County Teachers Association Convention

November 12—Monday—Schools Closed—Veterans Day

November 22, 23—Thursday, Friday—Schools Closed—Thanksgiving Vacation. Wednesday, November 21: Schools Close, High School 11:30, Elementary 12 noon

November 26—Monday—Schools reopen

December 21—Friday—Schools Close for Christmas Vacation. Regular Sessions will be held this day

1957

January 2—Wednesday—Schools reopen

February 21—Thursday—Schools close for Washington's Birthday and Midwinter Vacation

March 4—Monday—Schools reopen

April 19—Friday—Schools Closed—Good Friday and Patriots' Day

April 26—Friday—Schools Close for Spring Vacation

May 6—Monday—Schools reopen

May 30—Thursday—Schools Closed—Memorial Day

June 14—Friday—Elementary Schools close for Summer Vacation

June 21—Friday—High School closes for Summer Vacation

85th Commencement

OF THE

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

June 14

1956

Lawrence Memorial Hall

8:00 P. M.

GRADUATES

Carrie Marie Booth
Barbara Helen Boucher
Donald Howard Camp
Carol Joan Casey
Martha Jane Dorey
Antoinette Alice Dupont
Conrad John Dugre
Barbara Helen Ely
Ronald Robert Fournier
Raymond Frank Howe
Lorena Ellen Joyal
Marjorie Ann McCray
Peter Charles Nelson
Leroy Potter Reece
Kenneth Willard Rhodes
Sylvia Small
Frances Ellen Smith
Carol Barbara Squires
Robert Philip Sutcliffe
Joyce Marie Wenzel

PROGRAM

Processional		Mrs. Marion Shaw Accompanist
Invocation		Rev. Wayne S. Underhill
Song	"The Lord's Prayer" Donald Camp	*Albert Hay Malotte*
Salutatory		Sylvia Small
Songs	"Sunshine in Rainbow Valley" Girls	*Bernard Hamblen*
	"Flowing River" Chorus	*Chilean Folk Song*
Valedictory		Lorena Joyal
Song	"Verdant Meadows" Chorus	*Noble Cain*
Introduction of speaker of evening		Carl J. Peterson Superintendent
Address		Dr. Robert S. Illingworth Clark University
Lions Club Scholarship		Ralph W. Trombly
Arnold C. Martinelli, Jr., Memorial Scholarships		Mrs. Francis P. Loftus
Emory F. Munsell Award		
Presentation of Class to School Committee		Guy E. Harrington Principal of High School
Awarding of Diplomas		Fitzhugh L. Turner Chairman School Committee
Song	"The Heavens Resound" Chorus	*Andreas Hofer*
Benediction		Rev. George R. Dudley

Songs Directed by Mrs. Clara P. Cook

Accompanist, Mrs. Marion Shaw

SCHOOL PERSONNEL AS OF JAN. 1, 1957

Name	Position	Year Appointed
Carl J. Peterson	Superintendent	1953
Clara M. Cook	Music Supervisor	1948
Joseph Contino	Band Director	1956
Tirzah Juskalian, R. N.	School Nurse	1954
Dr. James L. Collard	School Physician	1911
HIGH SCHOOL		
Guy E. Harrington	Supervising Principal	1943
Chester B. Eisold	Mathematics, Social Science, Basketball Coach	1948
Florence N. Jackson	Household Arts	1946
Angela J. LeGrand	Commercial Subjects	1951
Marie T. Pepin	French, Science	1956
Sophia M. Pero	Latin, English	1941
Alice C. Sullivan	English, History	1956
Ada W. Tague	Social Studies	1946
Gerald G. Tremaine	Mathematics, Social Studies	1952
Robert D. Camp, Jr.	On military leave of absence	1955
CENTER SCHOOL		
Grades 7 and 8:		
Donald E. Geer	Supervising Prin., Driver Education, Audio Visual Aids	1950
Bernadette S. Bowler	Language Arts	1942
Donald J. Buss	Mathematics, Science	1957
Robert H. Cummings	Mathematics, Science, Physical Education	1956
Bettie M. McCaffrey	Social Studies, Language Arts	1956
Marion K. Shaw	Mathematics, English, Social Studies	1926
COLD SPRING SCHOOL		
Elwyn J. Doubleday	Supervising Principal	1947
Beverly A. Royce	Grade 1	1952
Florence D. Swenson	Grade 1	1956

Clarice C. Camp	Grade 2	1955
Irene B. Orlando	Grade 2	1917
Alice M. Flaherty	Grade 3	1922
Blanche F. Austin	Grade 3	1953
Vera W. Harrington	Grade 4	1944
Emma D. Loftus	Grade 4	1948
Ruth Rietzel	Grade 5	1951
Madeleine R. Lambert	Grade 5	1924
Margaret T. Austin	Grade 6	1954
Rachel G. Shumway	Grade 6	1954
FRANKLIN SCHOOL		
Eleanor M. Fitzgerald	Principal, Grades 1-2	1931
Nellie G. Shea	Grades 3-4	1901
Mildred M. Carter	Grades 5-6	1943
CAFETERIA		
Phyllis Mullane	Supervisor	1954
Margaret Doubleday	Bookkeeper	1955
Nellie Dudek	Worker	1954
Ruby Martin	Worker	1955
Clara Skinner	Worker	1955
Valeria Skorupski	Worker	1955
Jeanette Sylvester	Worker	1956
Della Gray	Part-Time Worker	1956
Lois Lowe	Part-Time Worker	1956
CUSTODIANS		
George M. Dewey	Cold Spring School	1947
Carl P. Hagman	Cold Spring School	1954
William F. Kimball, Jr.	High School, Household Arts and Center School	1950
Peter Dearness	Part-Time Assistant, Center School	1956
Albert M. Dudek	Franklin School	1948
William Aldrich	Union School	1950
William J. Kimball, Jr.	Attendance Officer	1955

List of Jurors

NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
Charles F. Austin	Ware Road	Laborer
Joseph F. Austin	West Street	Dairy Farmer
Philip R. Barnes	Federal Street	Maintenance
Raymond T. Beaudoin	Metacomet Street	Farmer
George E. Booth	Walker Street	Stationary fireman
Armand Cartier	Bay Road	Warehouseman
John A. Collis	Main Street	Poultryman
Raymond Dana	Walker Street	Sorter
David E. Fournier, Jr.	Bay Road	Farmer
Fred Goodrich	Federal Street	Storekeeper
Charles F. Howard	Jackson Street	Machinist
Antranig Juskalian	Green Avenue	Lead Operator
Andrew G. Ketchen	North Main St.	Dairy farmer
Harold D. Kimball	South Main Street	T. V. Repairman
H. Conrad Kirby	Jackson St.	Stationary Fireman
Wilfred L. Noel	Maple Street	Lead Operator
Harold D. Suhm	So. Main St.	Stationary Fireman
Donald A. Towne	Sargent Street	Service Manager
Sidney W. Wheeler	Everett Avenue	Financial Adviser
Carl E. White	Walker Street	Area Mechanic
Earle H. Whitehouse	North Washington Street	Carpenter
Theodore R. Wickham	State Street	Refrigeration
James Donovan	So. Main St.	Asst. advertising mgr.
Royal K. Gay	No. Main St.	Truck driver, serv. man
Kenneth F. Bristol	Cottage St.	Mechanic
David W. Russell	South St.	Salesman
William H. Squires, Jr.	Main St.	Auto mechanic
Randolph H. Brown	Turkey Hill Rd.	Maintenance man
Raymond C. Gay	Main St.	Trucker
Earl F. Henrichon	C. Walker St.	Insurance underwriter
Howard W. Knight	Everett Ave.	Guard
William T. Slate	Bardwell St.	Electrician
Guy C. Allen, Jr.	So. Main St.	Master plumber
Harvey A. Samson	No. Main St.	Stationary engineer
Melvin Bosworth	Old Enf'ld Rd.	Maintenance foreman
Arthur L. Allen	M. Sears Rd.	Mail messenger
Helen R. Allen	Jackson Street	Housewife
Ann C. Austin	West Street	Housewife
Catherine L. Chadbourne	North Main Street	Housewife
Ella D. Chamberlain	Springfield Road	Bookkeeper
Muriel B. Craig	So. Main Street	Housewife
Lucy J. Hislop	South Main Street	Bookkeeper
Alma Lindquist	Mill Valley Rd.	Teller
Florence B. Poole	Maple Street	Canteen Hostess
Ruby V. Andrews	Ballou St.	Housewife
Barbara A. Gay	Main St.	Housewife
Emma L. M. Grover	Federal St.	Housewife
Bertha C. Aldrich	Federal St.	Housewife
Mary C. Kulig	Franklin St.	Office clerk
Mildred S. Cole	Franklin St.	Housewife, teacher

Appendix

Statistical Report of Town Clerk

1955 BIRTHS RECEIVED FOR RECORD IN 1956

Date	*Name*	*Father*	*Mother*	*Date of Record*
1955				1956
July				
1	Kenneth Lloyd Gay	Royal Kenneth Gay	Jessie Louise Chadbourne	Jan. 3
December				
25	Patrice Rae Kimball	William Franklin Kimball, Jr.	June Lois Germain	Jan. 9
29	Martha Sue Carrington	Elmer Kenneth Carrington	Marguerite Shirley Dyer	Jan. 9
19	Terrie Ann Tomb	Merrill Carleton Tomb	Ruth Carolyn Clark	Jan. 10
19	Donald Francis Phaneuf	Donald Julian Phaneuf	Edith Irene Scarfe	Jan. 11
November				
2	Gail Debra Gourley	John E. Gourley	Barbara E. Giordano	Jan. 20
15	Janet Marie Merriam	Walter R. Merriam	Jean Petruski	Jan. 20

Date	*Name*	*Father*	*Mother*	*Date of Record*
December				
1	David Hudson Harrington	Stanford John Harrington	Barbara Ann Hudson	Jan. 20
17	Ray Clifford Scott	Ray McAllan Scott	Gloria Louise Smith	Jan. 20
13	Robert John Trombley	Honare B. Trombley	Catherine C. Rauh	Jan. 26
16	James Edward Towne	Frank Towne, Jr.	Priscilla Chapman	Jan. 26
30	Cheryl Ann Peetz	Raymond George Peetz	Carole Ann St. Germaine	Jan. 26
18	Deborah Monica White	Harry White	Agnes Brauns	Feb. 6

1956 BIRTHS

Date	*Name*	*Father*	*Mother*	*Date of Record*
January				
20	Anita Marie Boleski	Chester Charles Boleski	Virginia Irene Elaine Rimbold	Feb. 6
27	John Philip Gallatin	Norman Richard Gallatin	Lillian Joe	Feb. 14
8	Marlene Ann Sroka	Mitchell Albert Sroka	Rosalie Ann Skorupski	Feb. 29
February				
15	Grace Marie Adzima	Peter John Adzima	Gloria Angela Mauri	Mar. 5
23	Robert Leon Hislop	Irving Robert Hislop	Virginia Mae Booth	Mar. 13
25	Sheree Lee Loftus	Francis Loftus	Bertha Wilder	Mar. 13
25	Timothy Ray Cushman	Gene Ray Cushman	Kathryne E. McCormick	Mar. 16
28	William Ronald Morgan, II	William Ronald Morgan	Lenora Esther Dean	Mar. 16
23	Barbara Ann Holt	Clifford Ellery Holt	Helen Stephanie Olszowy	Apr. 5

APPENDIX

Date	*Name*	*Father*	*Mother*	*Date of Record*
March				
5	Philip Socha	Bronislaus Stanley Socha	Antolena Albina Wachta	Apr. 5
9	Robert John Bessette	Leo Joseph Bessette	Rena Louise Dodge	Apr. 13
17	Sherry Lee Hutchinson	Gerald Ralph Hutchinson	Anita Lucille Blake	Apr. 13
26	Squires	Roland Ellison Squires	Anna Louise Krawiec	Apr. 13
27	Craig Richard Kimball	Richard Owen Kimball	Anna Shaffer	Apr. 13
April				
25	Janet Georgeann Lysik	Stanley Lysik	Nellie Pauline Mitus	May 29
February				
29	Donald Lee Reece	Raymond J. Reece	Dorothy R. Holcomb	July 5
June				
9	Jo Ann Dodge	Walter Edwin Dodge	Audrey Arlene Webb	July 12
20	Ronald Arthur Waite	Leonard Aldis Waite	Virginia Helen McGarrett	July 12
29	Debra Joan Dodge	John Victor Dodge	Joan Constance Mundell	July 12
April				
15	Brenda Jean Allen	Leonard John Allen	Geraldine Priscilla Cambo	July 25
16	Carol Beth Nulman	Saul J. Nulman	Roseann Anne Endelson	July 25
20	Timothy Peter Shirtcliff	Walter Edward Shirtcliff	June Hayward Murcell	July 25
January				
6	Lynn Ann Bodzinski	Thaddeus Oliver Bodzinski	Alice Lila Heath	Aug. 6

Date	*Name*	*Father*	*Mother*	*Date of Record*
20	Celeste Marjorie Francine Moreau	Francis Moreau	Hortense Evelyn Forget	Aug. 6
May				
11	Catherine Jo Clark	Alfred Holden Clark, Jr.	Clara Mae Manson	Aug. 6
19	Darlene Hope Girouard	Leo David Girouard	Thelma Juliet Webster	Aug. 6
21	Ronald James Gathro	Donald Lewis Gathro	Mary Theresa Keyes	Aug. 6
June				
18	Katherine Ann Antonovitch	Adam Lewis Antonovitch	Dorothy Mary Socha	Aug. 6
July				
9	Mark Gilbert Squires	Lewis Edward Squires	Ethel MacLane Howe	Aug. 6
16	Corey Brian Henrichon	Earl Francis Henrichon	Betty Jane Bishop	Aug. 6
June				
24	Maureen Estelle Spellman	Thomas Francis Spellman	Mary Gertrude Shea	Aug. 13
February				
21	Julie Elinor Tolpa	Walter Joseph Tolpa	Elinor Jean DeGray	Aug. 13
June				
27	Harry James Ritter	Robert M. Ritter	Margaret Hill	Aug. 13
July				
10	Barbara Ann Morey	Howard Calvin Morey	Bernice May Rivers	Aug. 13
August				
19	Daniel David Reding	Donald James Reding	Ann Marie Russell	Sept. 10
March				
8	Katherine Nancy Lapointe	Aime G. Lapointe	Rita G. Sansoucy	Oct. 5

Date	Name	Father	Mother	Date of Record
9	Kathleen Anne Methot	Richard Donald Methot	Jean Ann Squires	Oct. 5
April				
12	Deborah Jeanne Viens	Leo Joseph Viens	Rose Marie Blaine	Oct. 9
September				
2	Hilda Ellen Neggers	Leo C. Neggers	Florine Harrell	Oct. 15
19	Deborah Lee Dunbar	Arthur Lawrence Dunbar	Doris Lillian Rousseau	Oct. 15
25	Timothy Howard Edwards	William Howard Edwards	Geraldine Freida Milligan	Oct. 15
29	David Eugene Bryant	Charles Edward Bryant	Elizabeth Ann Ricket	Oct. 15
August				
9	Stanley Russell Mitus	Stanley Theodore Mitus	Agnes Sophia Skorupski	Oct. 19
September				
1	Ronald Wayne Schroeder	Louis A. Schroeder	Jane B. Hurley	Oct. 19
October				
22	Mary Louise Martin	Henry Martin	Evelyn Mary Lavalley	Nov. 15
July				
15	Susan Blanchard Whitlock	William Gerry Whitlock	Muriel Ann Eaton	Nov. 20
21	Diane Elizabeth Emero	Donald Herbert Emero	Ann Elizabeth Beddingfield	Nov. 20
October				
3	Janet Sue Opielowski	Fred Walter Opielowski	Marion Ardell Cole	Dec. 6
August				
9	Mary Linette Janet Hebert	Arthur Harmidas Hebert	Jeanette Noel	Dec. 7

Date	*Name*	*Father*	*Mother*	*Date of Record*
18	Christine Rufo	Richard Joseph Rufo	Loretta Mae Smith	Dec. 7
19	Cheryl Lee Pierce	Charles Lester Pierce	Carol Janet Aldrich	Dec. 7
27	Neil Miller Jackson	George Belding Jackson	Beverly Affa Miller	Dec. 7
September				
1	Robin Keith Capen	Leon George Capen	Helen Mary Vaughn	Dec. 12
24	Laura Mae Dickinson	Harvey Milton Dickinson	Doris Mae Hawkins	Dec. 12
November				
1	Christopher Blanan Opalenik	George Opalenik	Gertrude Loretta Blanan	Dec. 12
13	Frances Jessie Crisafulli	Anthony Crisafulli	Jessie Cordaro	Dec. 12
18	John Thomas Boudreau	Roger George Boudreau	Lucille Irene Vertefeuille	Dec. 12
19	Meaux	Hyman Alfred Meaux	Ruth Ann Goenner	Dec. 12
October				
5	Gary Alan Ramadon	Richard Daniel Ramadon	Daisy Irene Markot	Dec. 31
16	Roxane Louise Fay	Carl Ray Fay	Irene Jeanette Roberge	Dec. 31
21	Betty Jean Horr	Leon E. Horr	Eveline M. Main	Dec. 31
23	Michael Edward Bleau	Henry Raymond Bleau	Elsie Ann Madden	Dec. 31

MARRIAGES

		Date of Record
January		
28	Harry Alexander Dodge—Sally Mary Wnek	Apr. 13
April		
7	John Francis Mitrowski—Dorothy Mae Hatt	Apr. 13
7	Francis Thomas Federico—Valerie Eleanor Ramsey	Apr. 13
7	Frank Anthony Labato—Dolores Bernadette Koslik	Apr. 13
21	Eugene Richard Lamoureux—Elizabeth Helen Hubbard	Apr. 30
May		
5	Theodore Charles Rhodes—Fukoko Yamawa	May 8
12	Donald Francis Bock—Shirley Ann Cutting	May 29
June		
2	Chester Grochmal—Elizabeth Romanko	June 5
May		
30	William Raymond O'Donnell—Mary Agnes Cauley	June 5
June		
9	John Plumador—Frances Marie Dunn	June 18
30	Norman Edward Fleurent—Pauline Jean Hartling	July 5
July		
4	Robert William Fleury—Shirley Rose Cote	July 5
7	Henry Todd Kane—Eunice M. (Stetson) Stancliff	July 11
21	Rodney Lawrence Cote—Nancy Jean Rider	July 24
August		
4	Stanley Fisher Rhodes, Jr.—Iona Jo Ann Laviolette	Aug. 13
11	James Russell Gay—Joan Anne Slate	Aug. 13
June		
30	Bernard Roy Lamoureux—Carol Ruth Morse	Aug. 20

September		
1	Robert Trudell Hodgen—Camilla Ruth Davis	Sept. 4
2	Stanley Frank Czech— Wanda Christine Adamczyk	Sept. 8
8	Robert L. Richard—Dolores M. Bigda	Sept. 11
8	David Medbury Garrity—Patricia Lee Haynes	Sept. 14
15	Milton Robert Stone—Lillian Esther Lemon	Sept. 19
22	Josef Marie Loretan— Anna Karolina Langenegger	Sept. 27
October		
6	Wallace Earl Wenzel—Dolores Mary Pothier	Oct. 9
13	William G. Rogers, Jr.—Josephine J. Kusek	Oct. 19
July		
28	Donald LaPalme—Catherine M. Brown	Dec. 31
November		
17	Apolodore Leduc—Antonia (Morency) Fontaine	Dec. 31
December		
29	Raymond Warner Jenks— Celia I. (Blackmer) Pratt	Dec. 31

Date of Death	Name	Age			Residence	Place of Death	Place of Burial	Date of Record
		yr.	mo.	day				
12 4 55	Minnie Augusta (Collard) Terwilliger	82	1	1	Belchertown	Ware	Bloomingburg, N. Y.	1 9 56
1 7 56	Edward Marvin Hunter	86	2	18	Belchertown	Belchertown	Belchertown	1 10 56
1 12 56	Marjorie H. Sanderson	53	8	21	Ayer	Belchertown	Ayer	1 16 56
1 23 56	Michael Caraminas	34	2	7	Springfield	Belchertown	Springfield	1 26 56
1 25 56	Alfred Lambert	51	6	10	Belchertown	Belchertown	Belchertown	2 1 56
2 1 56	Abbie Luella Butler	76	7	21	Spencer	Belchertown	Belchertown	2 8 56
2 3 56	Francis Richard Roy	6	10	23	Manchester	Belchertown	Belchertown	2 8 56
2 6 56	Mary L. Rush		3	16	Belchertown	Belchertown	Springfield	2 8 56
1 22 56	Stanley M. Bobowiec	52	3	18	Belchertown	Holyoke	Palmer	2 10 56
2 7 56	John Wegrzyn	69			Belchertown	Belchertown	Three Rivers	2 10 56
12 29 55	George R. Stone	66	1	1	Belchertown	Ware	Pelham	2 14 56
2 12 56	Margaret J. (Sullivan) Savoy	64	0	9	Belchertown	Belchertown	Holyoke	2 15 56
1 30 56	James Land	0	0	0	Belchertown	Palmer	South Hadley	3 5 56
2 13 56	Minnie (Dunlop) Brown	59	11	5	Belchertown	Palmer	Palmer	3 5 56
3 1 56	Iva Green Gay	84	9	13	Belchertown	Sunderland	Belchertown	3 9 56
3 17 56	Viola Hosford	69	6	15	Springfield	Belchertown	Belchertown	3 21 56
4 3 56	Joseph James Archambault	83	0	19	Belchertown	Belchertown	Belchertown	4 4 56
3 26 56	Squires	0	0	0	Belchertown	Ware	Belchertown	4 13 56
4 15 56	Margaret E. Cummings	23	8	5	Springfield	Belchertown	Springfield	4 20 56
3 24 56	Isabelle T. (Tebeau) Abbe	80	1	16	Belchertown	Northampton	Palmer	5 7 56
4 3 56	Lottie (Gates) Buss	81	9	20	Belchertown	Ware	Springfield	5 14 56
4 13 56	Maude Evangeline Stacy	84	8	12	Belchertown	Ware	Belchertown	5 14 56
5 9 56	Fred Ellenwood Mills	75	3	20	Oxford	Belchertown	Belchertown	5 21 56
5 18 56	Cheryl B. Johnson	7	10	20	Worcester	Belchertown	Worcester	5 29 56
6 2 56	Bertha Marion (Peeso) Conkey	69	5	21	Belchertown	Belchertown	Belchertown	6 4 56
6 6 56	Patrick F. Keyes	61	3	22	Belchertown	Belchertown	Palmer	6 11 56
5 28 56	Edith (Marsh) Jenks	57	9	8	Belchertown	Northampton	Pelham	6 29 56
6 30 56	Roderick Louis Weston	79	8	19	Belchertown	Belchertown	Belchertown	7 5 56
6 15 56	Didace Lepine	93	0	0	Belchertown	Holyoke	South Hadley	7 11 56
6 15 56	Rosario C. Durand	55	2	0	Belchertown	Holyoke	Chicopee	7 11 56
6 17 56	John Alfred Douglas	52	3	20	Belchertown	Ware	Springfield	7 12 56
6 27 56	Frank Preston Rhodes	73	3	23	Belchertown	Ware	Ware	7 12 56
6 3 56	Sharyn Ann Fitzgerald	2	4	16	Belchertown	Springfield	Belchertown	7 20 56

Date of Death	*Name*	*Age*			*Residence*	*Place of Death*	*Place of Burial*	*Date of Record*
		yr.	*mo.*	*day*				
6 12 56	Florence (Dubuque) Klima	66	0	0	Belchertown	Springfield	Springfield	7 20 56
7 28 56	Irene Blanchard	20	10	20	Worcester	Belchertown	Worcester	8 6 56
7 30 56	Robert E. Philippe	30	0	23	Pittsfield	Belchertown	Belchertown	8 6 56
8 25 56	John Aldridge	8	3	4	Boston	Belchertown	Malden	8 30 56
9 4 56	George James Spanos	16	8	15	Springfield	Belchertown	Springfield	9 8 56
9 10 56	Charles Harrison Pierce	41	4	28	Amherst	Belchertown	Belchertown	9 11 56
9 2 56	Charles Edwin Hanks	82	2	0	Belchertown	Amherst	Ware	9 27 56
10 12 56	Delina E. (Jacques) Dufault	63	9	14	Belchertown	Belchertown	Ware	10 15 56
6 30 56	Kristian Anderson	53	9	23	Belchertown	Boston	Bradford, N. H.	10 16 56
10 16 56	Gloria Pedercini	23	10	5	North Adams	Belchertown	North Adams	10 19 56
10 21 56	Eva May Rice	77	3	22	Bear River, N. S.	Belchertown	Digby, N. S.	10 22 56
10 19 56	Catherine Louise Burke	37	9	18	Easthampton	Belchertown	Northampton	10 24 56
10 21 56	Louisa Elizabeth (Patneaude) Johnson	85	0	22	Belchertown	Belchertown	Worcester	10 24 56
10 24 56	Ida Rock	79	0	0	Belchertown	Belchertown	South Hadley	10 25 56
11 8 56	Walter E. Chapin	68	2	23	Agawam	Belchertown	Springfield	11 14 56
11 19 56	Ella (Gold) Blackmer	79	4	20	Belchertown	Belchertown	Belchertown	11 20 56
11 6 56	Lena May (Blood) Rhodes	73	2	11	Belchertown	Ware	Ware	12 12 56
11 10 56	Lola Mary Buck	56	6	3	Belchertown	Ware	Holyoke	12 12 56
11 19 56	Meaux	0	0	0	Belchertown	Ware	Belchertown	12 12 56
11 3 56	Viola Burgies Graney	84	10	26	Belchertown	Northampton	Belchertown	12 17 56
12 22 56	Mary Rice	27	11	20	Sheffield	Belchertown	Sheffield	12 31 56
12 22 56	Linda Susan Kingsbury	7	2	19	Greenfield	Belchertown	Greenfield	12 31 56

NON-RESIDENT BURIALS REPORTED TO TOWN CLERK BY CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Name	*Residence at time of death*	*Place of death*	*Interment at*
Williams, Maude H.	Amherst, Mass.	Northampton, Mass.	Belchertown, Mass.
Porteous, Russell S.	Springfield, Mass.	Springfield, Mass.	Belchertown, Mass.
Howe, Clara Louise		Hartford, Conn.	Belchertown, Mass.
Leach, J. Ethel	South Deerfield, Mass.	Turners Falls, Mass.	Belchertown, Mass.
Robbins, John Charles	Metropolitan State Hospital	Lexington, Mass.	Belchertown, Mass.
Wilson, Mathilda	Pelham, Mass.	Pelham, Mass.	Belchertown, Mass.
Blackmer, Clara Louise	Allston, Mass.	Medford, Mass.	Belchertown, Mass.
Burnett, Clarice M. Dean	Holyoke, Mass.	Holyoke, Mass.	Belchertown, Mass.

Minutes of Town Meetings

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 6 and 13, 1956

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committees that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current financial year and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway construction, on Chauncey D. Walker Street, (Route 21—Turkey Hill Road), or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,300.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will authorize the payment of $325.00 for the salaries of the School Committee for the ensuing year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed one dollar per hour for the year 1956, as provided for in the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to authorize the payment of $200.00 for salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the year ensuing, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1956, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $803.43 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the War Memorial Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of George Hannum Street, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of Cold Spring Road, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the erection of a fence along the boundary of Mt. Hope Cemetery, said fence to be constructed along the outer line of the section acquired in 1954, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to establish the price of the cemetery lots in Mt. Hope Cemetery, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to install a Street Light in front of the residence of Lincoln A. Cook, on Main Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums for bills incurred in 1955:

Ernest M. Gay—Police	$21.95
Clarence Hubbard—Police	82.00
Wallace F. Chevalier—Police	38.85
Albert M. Dudek—Police	22.00
American LaFrance Foamite Corp.—Fire Dept.	98.97
Worcester County Electric Co.—Fire Department	45.30
New England Telephone & Telegraph—Fire Dept.	31.70
Lewis H. Blackmer—Town Accountant, Expense	12.00
H. E. Kimball & Sons—Sewers	110.00

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of not less than three nor more than five members, none of whom occupy administrative positions in the town government, for the purpose of making a survey and thorough study of all departments and provisions for the public safety of the

residents of Belchertown, with a view to determining possible expansion, more efficient and economical methods of providing such services. Said committee shall report its findings at the next annual town meeting, together with its recommendations for action by the town as the committee may deem necessary, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder, the following articles: one coal type loader and one Worthington Compressor, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the printing and publishing of the 1955 Assessed Valuations, to include Real, Personal, and Poll Tax assessments, so that each taxpayer may have a copy; such distribution to be under the guidance of the Board of Assessors, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for repairing the exterior of Lawrence Memorial Hall, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury, a sum of money for the Elementary School Building Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee from Surplus Revenue to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1956, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 28. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ANNUAL ELECTION FEBRUARY 6, 1956

Polls were opened at 9 o'clock A. M. and closed at 7 o'clock P. M. at Lawrence Memorial Hall for Precinct A, and at Franklin School for Precinct B. Ballots were counted and declared as follows:

Office	Candidate	Votes Precinct A	Votes B	Votes Tot.
Moderator for one year	Lewis H. Backmer	525	77	602
Town Clerk for one year	Robert D. Camp, Sr.	441	51	492
	Arthur R. Brooks	158	39	197
Town Treasurer for one year	Robert D. Camp, Sr.	436	52	488
	Arthur R. Brooks	161	39	200
Collector of Taxes and Town Collector for 3 years	Robert D. Camp, Sr.	436	53	489
	Arthur R. Brooks	161	40	201
Selectman for three years	John W. Avery	523	77	600
	Michael S. Mathras	1		1
Selectman for one year	Raymond C. Gay	519	71	590
School Committee for 3 years	Water Paige Piper	348	52	400
	Fred D. Stockton	238	33	271
Planning Board for 5 years	George B. Jackson	483	67	550
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 yrs.	Charles F. Austin	519	76	595
	Michael S. Oberly	1		1
Assessor for 3 years	William E. Aldrich	523	69	592
Sewer Commissioner, 3 years	D. Donald Hazen	521	69	590
Tree Warden, 1 year	Edward B. Conkey	527	70	597
Constables, 1 year	Wallace F. Chevalier	352	39	391
	Ernest M. Gay	478	53	531
	Andrew T. Sears	485	68	553
	Adam L. Antonovitch	344	74	418
	Ches. F. Dzwonkoski	283	51	334
	Frank P. Loftus	421	66	487
	Herbert E. Squires	260	43	303
	Nelson J. Hill	1		1

Total vote cast: Precinct A 608, Precinct B 96, Total 704

Total Registrations:

	Precinct A			Precinct B			
	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Town Total
	643	633	1276	134	127	261	1537
Registered Democrats	53	41	94	37	37	74	168
Registered Republicans	233	205	438	14	15	29	467

APPENDIX

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 13, 1956

Meeting called to order by Moderator Lewis H. Blackmer at 7.30 P. M. in Lawrence Memorial Hall. Voted to waive reading of warrant. Prayer was offered by Rev. George Dudley.

Art. 1. Mrs. Sophia M. Pero and Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller elected as almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman funds for one year. Lewis H. Blackmer elected as trustee of the Calvin Bridgman fund for three years.

Art. 2. Voted to accept the reports of the officers and committees of the Town as printed in the town report with the exception of the report of the Finance Committee.

Art. 3. Voted that the report of the Finance Committee be considered, and that each item in the report be accepted as a written motion as required by the town by-laws. Voted to appropriate for the following accounts the amounts indicated.

Account	Amount
Selectmen, Chairman	$325.00
Clerk	275.00
Other Member	275.00
Expenses	200.00
Town Accountant, Salary	650.00
Expenses	75.00
Treasurer, salary	1,250.00
Expenses	540.00
Town Collector, Salary	1,500.00
Expenses	725.00
Town Clerk, salary	850.00
Expenses	120.00
Assessors, chairman	500.00
Other member	400.00
Other member	400.00

Expenses	600.00
Election and Registration	1,200.00
Certification of Notes	10.00
Law	600.00
Town Hall	800.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00
American Legion Headquarters	410.00
Police	3,400.00
Fire Department	2,865.00
Forest Fires	1,500.00
Hydrant Service	1,500.00
Moth Suppression	800.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00
Tree Warden	1,200.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00
Inspector of Wires (salary)	150.00
Cleaning & Repairing Water Holes	300.00
Health	750.00
Sewers—Maintenance	3,600.00
Highways—Snow	4,500.00
Highways—Streets	2,300.00
Highways—Sidewalks	100.00
Highways—Bridges	1,500.00
Street Lights	3,300.00
Public Welfare—General Relief	1,500.00
Salaries—Chairman	175.00
Other member	125.00
Other member	125.00
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District:	
Town Appropriation	1,500.00
Planning Board	300.00
Veterans' Aid	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	36,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,500.00

Disability Assistance	3,000.00	
Schools	193,357.00	
Vocational Education	4,000.00	
Parsons Recreation Field	350.00	
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00	
Cemeteries	1,200.00	
Soldiers' Graves	250.00	
Unclassified	700.00	
Reserve Fund	3,500.00	from Overlay Reserve
Memorial Day	200.00	
Veterans Day	60.00	
Insurance	4,700.00	
Interest	8,192.00	
Town Clock	100.00	
Public Dump	325.00	
Belchertown Common	225.00	
Photostats of Discharges	10.00	
Summer Recreation Program	350.00	
Civil Defense	1,195.00	
Retirement Payments	1,622.88	
Maturing Debt	26,000.00	
War Memorial	500.00	

Art. 4. Voted to give Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid.

Art. 5. Voted that the sum of $6,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 highways and that in addition the sum of $28,325.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored, upon their receipt, to the unappropriated funds in the Treasury.

Art. 6. Voted that the sum of $3,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 highway construction on Chauncey Walker Street, Route 21, and that in addition, the sum of $9,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored, upon their receipt, to the unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Art. 7. Voted that the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 maintenance, and that in addition the sum of $4,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the State's and County's shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon their receipt to the unappropriated funds in the treasury.

Art. 8. Voted that the Town appropriate from the road machinery earnings account the sum of $5,300.00 to the road machinery expense account.

Art. 9. Voted that the Town authorize the payment of $325.00 for the salaries of the School Committee for the year ensuing.

Art. 10. Voted that the Town allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed $1.00 per hour for the year 1956, as provided in the General Laws.

Art. 11. Voted that the Town authorize the payment of $200.00 for the salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the year ensuing.

Art. 12. Voted that the Town allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the Town Sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1956.

Art. 13. Voted that the Town authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time, in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1956, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given, for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws. Vote was unanimous.

Art. 14. Voted that the Town appropriate from the Insurance reserve account the sum of $803.43 to the insurance account.

Art. 15. Voted to table.

Art. 16. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the improvement of George Hannum Road.

Art. 17. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $800.00 for the improvement of Cold Spring Road.

Art. 18. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $125.00 for the erection of a fence along the boundary of Mt. Hope Cemetery, said fence to be constructed along the outer line of the section acquired in 1954.

Art. 19. Voted that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer to sell lots, one rod square in the annex of Mt. Hope Cemetery for the price of $135.00, $100.00 of which is to be used for perpetual care.

Art. 20. No motion. Voted to table Article 20.

Art. 21. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums for bills incurred during 1955:

Ernest M. Gay—Police	$21.95
Clarence Hubbard—Police	82.00
Wallace F. Chevalier—Police	38.85
Albert N. Dudek—Police	22.00
American-LaFrance Foamite Corp.—Fire Dept.	98.97
Worcester County Electric Co.—Fire Dept.	45.30
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.—Fire Dept.	31.70
Lewis H. Blackmer—Accountant's Expense	12.00
H. E. Kimball & Sons—Sewers	110.00
	$462.77

Art. 22. Voted that the town authorize the moderator to appoint a committee of not less than three nor more than five members, none of whom occupy administrative positions in the Town government, for the purpose of making a survey and thorough study of

all departments and provisions for the public safety of the residents of Belchertown with a view to determining possible expansion, more efficient and economical methods of providing such services. Said Committee shall report its findings at the next annual town meeting, together with its recommendations for action by the Town as the Committee may deem necessary.

Art. 23. Voted that the Town instruct the Selectmen to sell to the highest bidder the following aricles: one coal type loader and one Worthington compressor.

Art. 24. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate $500.00 for the printing and publishing of the 1955 assessed valuations, to include real, personal and poll tax assessments, so that each taxpayer may have a copy; such distribution to be under the guidance of the Board of Assessors.

Art. 25. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for repairing the exterior of Lawrence Memorial Hall.

Art. 26. Voted that the Town raise and appropriate or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury the sum of $3,000.00 for the Elementary School Building account.

Art. 27. Voted that the Town waive action until the next special town meeting on the following: that the Town appropriate a sum of money as recommended by the Finance Committee from surplus revenue to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1956.

Art. 28. The Selectmen requested a period of ten days in which to complete the required appointment of members to the Finance Committee. No dissent. Request granted. Voted to adjourn at 10:17 o'clock P. M.

A true record of the proceedings.

Attest

Robert D. Camp, Sr., Town Clerk

WARRANT OF SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JULY 16, 1956

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Veterans' Aid account.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Overlay Surplus account a sum of money for the Highway—Snow account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money for the Highways-Streets account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to enter an immediate and vigorous protest with the proper state authorities against the establishment of a penal institution of any kind within the Quabbin Area. To further instruct the Selectmen to take every legitimate step within their power to prevent the establishment of such an institution and to solicit the cooperation of our State Senator, Ralph C. Mahar, and State Representative, Isaac Hodgen, asking that they utilize their delegated power to oppose and block the establishment of any penal colony within the Quabbin Area.

Art. 5. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JULY 16, 1956

Art. 1. Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $1,650.00 to the Veterans' Aid account.

Art. 2. Voted that the Town appropriate from the Overlay Surplus account the sum of $1,500.00 for the Highway-Snow account.

Art. 3. Voted that Town appropriate from the available funds in the treasury the sum of $4,000.00 to the Highway-Streets account. The funds so appropriated to be used only for the permanent type Chapter 81 construction work.

Art. 4. Voted that the Town instruct the Board of Selectmen to enter an immediate and vigorous protest with the proper State authorities against the establishment of a penal institution of any kind within the Quabbin area. To further instruct the Selectmen to take every legitimate step within their power to prevent the establishment of such an institution and to solicit the cooperation of our State Senator, Ralph C. Mahar, and State Representative, Isaac Hodgen, asking that they utilize their delegated power to oppose and block the establishment of any penal colony within the Quabbin area.

Voted to adjourn 8.22 P. M.

Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr., Town Clerk of Belchertown

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 28, 1956

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Veterans' Aid account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Election and Registration account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Town Treasurer's Expense account for the purpose of purchasing a check writing machine, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Highways-Bridges account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Road

Machinery Earnings account a sum of money to the Road Machinery Expense account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to transfer from available funds a sum of money to be expended by the Board of Assessors in securing a mapping or assessment system or both, based upon the services of an appraisal company engaged in such revaluation work. Said sum to also provide for any additional town expenses in addition to appraisal company services, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Insurance account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER FOREGOING WARRANT NOVEMBER 28, 1956

Art. 1. Voted that the Town appropriate from avaliable funds in the treasury, the sum of $3,200.00 to the Veterans' Aid account.

Art. 2. Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds in the treasury, the sum of $385.00 to the election and registration account.

Art. 3. Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds in the treasury, the sum of $75.00 for the purpose of purchasing a check writing machine.

Art. 4. Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds in the treasury, the sum of $563.00 to the Highway-Bridges Account.

Art. 5. Voted that the Town transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings account the sum of $1,500.00 to the Road Machinery Expense account.

Art. 6. Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds in the treasury, $12,000.00 to be expended by the Board of Assessors in securing an assessment system, based upon the services of an appraisal company engaged in such revaluation work, and that such appraisal company report of valuations becomes a permanent record in the same manner and form as all other town assessment records. Said sum to also provide for any additional town expenses in addition to the appraisal company services.

Art. 7. Voted that the Town appropriate from available funds in the treasury, the sum of $810.00 to the Insurance account.

Attest:

Robert D. Camp, Sr., Town Clerk of Belchertown

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE		
Taxes 1956	$203,717.22	
Previous years	21,722.20	225,439.42
State Reimbursement		
Disability Assistance	1,741.49	
Old Age Assistance	27,513.94	
Veterans' Aid	463.62	
Aid to Dependent Children	205.00	
Old Age Recoveries	2,949.55	32,873.60
Sewers		
Rent of 1956	3,880.00	
Rent previous years	180.00	4,060.00
Aid to Highways		
State	48,893.51	
County	3,999.20	52,892.71
Wild Cat Bounty		10.00
Dog Officers' Fees		278.25
Dog Licenses		1,258.80
Dog Licenses to Clapp Memorial Library		786.68
Sporting Licenses		1,836.00
High School Athletic Fund		527.91
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund		175.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care		750.00
Sale of Cemetery Lots		105.00
Walter Pratt Private Trust Fund		60.00
Health Insurance		811.89
Blue Cross and Blue Shield		1,493.65
Withholding Taxes		21,870.73

Hampshire County Retirement		1,755.06
Road Machinery Earnings		10,987.89
Insurance Reserve		812.25
School Reimbursements:		
Construction, Transportation, Tuition, Licenses, Fees, Permits, etc.		121,354.73
School Lunch		30,199.32
Temporary Loan		40,000.00
Highways, Chapter 90—overpayment		2.00
Old Age Assistance—Town—Checks returned		354.25
Old Age Assistance—Federal Grant		19,414.36
Old Age Assistance—Administration		180.73
Disability Assistance—Federal Grant		1,766.10
Disability Assistance—Administration		10.44
Aid to Dependent Children—Federal Grant		551.13
Aid to Dependent Children—Administration		4.53
Water Liens	236.78	
Flood Relief—Federal	23,443.23	
School Lunch Refunds	2.47	23,682.48
		$596,304.91
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1956		97,064.36
		$693,369.27

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Selectmen:	
Salaries	875.00
Expenses: Postage, forms, clerical, etc.	199.79
Town Accountant	
Salary	650.00
Expenses: Classification Sheets, repair of adding machine and supplies	100.00
Treasurer:	
Salary	1,250.00
Expenses	
Typewriter repair, bond, clerical, postage, check writer, printing and typewriter ribbons	655.61

Tax Collector		
Salary		1,500.00
Expenses		
Postage, forms, clerical, bond, etc.		822.25
Town Clerk		
Salary		850.00
Expenses		
Bond, clerical, Asso. dues, postage and forms		197.50
Assessors		
Salaries		1,300.00
Expenses		
Forms, clerical, printing and registering deeds		596.14
Election and Registration		
Registrars	294.75	
Election Officers	733.62	
Clerical	104.50	
Street Listing	225.00	
All others	221.16	1,579.03
Certification of Notes:		
Expense		2.00
Law		
Morse & Morse		545.00
TOWN HALL		
Expenses:		
Janitor, lights, heat, lumber, repairs and labor		800.00
THE LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL		
Expenses:		
Lights, telephone, repairs, and all others		400.00
LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL EXTERIOR		
Repairs		400.00
AMERICAN LEGION HEADQUARTERS		
Expenses:		
Lights	12.00	
Rent	360.00	372.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Expenses:		
Payroll	3,351.49	
Radio repairs	108.33	
Repair work	69.33	
All other	29.45	3,558.60

FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Chief's Salary	400.00	
Expenses:		
Worcester County Electric Co.	37.10	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	201.75	
Zabek Apparatus Co.	1,044.63	
Oil and gas	192.34	
Plowing (snow)	43.00	
Painting Fire Station	45.00	
Philorene Radio Co.	32.66	
Sundry Persons	728.72	
All others	281.96	3,007.16
FOREST FIRES		
Expenses:		
Labor, Sundry Persons	875.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	95.70	
Worcester County Electric Co.	9.50	
Oil and gas	131.76	
Permits	113.74	
Zabek Fire Apparatus Co.	227.50	
Allen & Shumway	29.10	
Harold Ketchen & Son	11.00	
All others	6.70	1,500.00
HYDRANT SERVICE		
Belchertown Water District		1,500.00
MOTH SUPPRESSION		
Nerwin Taylor, Tree Surgeon	330.00	
Northern Tree Expert	450.00	780.00
DUTCH ELM DISEASE		
Labor, Sundry Persons		999.25
TREE WARDEN		
Northern Tree Expert	90.00	
Labor, Sundry Persons	1,107.00	1,197.35
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES		
R. C. Gay	91.00	
Expense	8.45	99.45
INSPECTOR OF WIRES		
Salary		150.00

CIVIL DEFENSE		
Expenses:		
Worcester County Electric Co.	10.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	82.30	
Electric wiring	145.26	
H. E. Kimball	19.64	
Salaries of Directors with transportation	537.42	
All others	8.30	802.92
HEALTH		
Max Garber, Agent—salary	360.00	
Dr. F. M. Austin	321.00	
Dr. Kenneth Collard	51.01	
Lewis Blackmer	61.95	
Hobbs & Warren	16.40	
Springfield Offset & Printing	40.39	
R. C. Gay	26.20	
Nurse	15.95	
Clerical	25.00	
Clarence Hubbard, Insp.	132.00	
All other	23.06	1,072.96
SEWERS—MAINTENANCE		
Salaries	200.00	
Belchertown State School, disposal	1,955.19	
Labor, Sundry Persons	872.90	
Material	471.59	3,499.68
HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 81		
Payroll, Sundry Persons	28,894.10	
Material	5,394.63	
Signs MCI	46.19	34,334.92
HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION		
Material, Sundry Persons	625.67	
Payroll, Sundry Persons	3,412.18	4,037.85
HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE		
Labor, Sundry Persons, improving roads Bondsville, Three Rivers, Turkey Hill, and Amherst	4,789.33	
Material	362.80	5,152.13

HIGHWAYS—SNOW REMOVAL		
Labor, sand and salt		7,034.29
HIGHWAYS—BRIDGES		
W. D. Cowles	903.85	
Labor, Sundry Persons	1,145.64	2,049.49
HIGHWAYS—STREETS ($2,300.00 Approp.)		
Sundry Persons		2,300.00
HIGHWAYS—STREETS ($4,000.00 Approp.)		
Repairs on N. Washington St., Sabin St., Springfield Road, Cordner St., and Federal St.		3,986.65
HIGHWAYS—SIDEWALKS		
Sundry Persons, labor and material		91.35
ROAD MACHINERY EXPENSE		
Telephone, water, lights, Association dues, welding, and all other expenses	6,844.60	
Audit adjustment	90.00	6,934.60
COLD SPRING ROAD		
Material, Sundry Persons	623.90	
Labor, Sundry Persons	311.85	935.75
POOLE ROAD		
Labor and material, Sundry Persons		115.40
GEORGE HANNUM ROAD		
Labor and material, Sundry Persons		1,045.86
STREET LIGHTS		
Worcester County Electric Co.		3,251.30
WATER LIENS		
Belchertown Water District		238.55
CLEANING AND REPAIRING WATER HOLES		
Labor		35.00
VETERANS' AID		
Clerical	43.61	
Doctors, hospitals, medication, and O. B. for Veterans or their dependents	5,810.81	5,854.42
PUBLIC WELFARE—SALARIES		
Chairman	175.00	
2 members, each $125.00	250.00	425.00

PUBLIC WELFARE—GENERAL RELIEF		
Attorney's fees	53.25	
Funeral	150.00	
Westfield Sanatorium	15.00	
Town of South Hadley	100.00	
Other relief	697.55	1,015.80
PUBLIC WELFARE—DISTRICT		
Granby-Belchertown Welfare District		1,500.00
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—TOWN		
Aid to Sundry Persons	28,530.28	
Other Cities and Towns	4,704.89	33,235.27
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANTS		
Assistance, Sundry Persons		23,703.75
AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN—FEDERAL GRANTS		
Assistance, Sundry Persons		262.35
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—TOWN		
Assistance		2,793.01
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE—FEDERAL GRANTS		
Assistance		1,989.18
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		
School Committee		
Salaries	325.00	
Expenses	51.50	376.50
Superintendent of Schools		
Salary	6,349.94	
Travel	4,156.26	
Law	27.48	10,533.68
Teachers' Salaries	107,785.43	
Instruct. Salaries	5,718.15	113,503.58
Teachers' Expenses		247.23
Janitors' Salaries	11,240.19	
Janitors' Expenses	5,216.20	16,456.39
Fuel		6,586.01
Repairs and Replacements		3,484.89
Health		4,028.94
Transportation		31,674.12
Alterations and New Equipment		800.00
Household Arts		4,593.87

Library		285.02
All others		694.63
Total for Schools		$193,244.86
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
Transportation and Tuition		4,126.24
NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COM. FUND		
Atty. Storrs for H. P. Cummings Const. Co.		1,000.00
NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EQUIPMENT		
Sundry Persons		64.95
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FUND		
Morse & Morse	300.00	
Holyoke Auction Co.	111.00	
Forbes Snyder	121.05	
Spencer Turbine	434.75	
Gledhill Bros.	288.26	
Sundry Persons	1,005.77	2,260.83
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FUND		
Expenses:		
Transportation, dry cleaning, referees, and all other		531.76
UNCLASSIFIED		
Printing of Town Reports	544.00	
Preparing Town Report	90.00	
All other	58.80	692.80
PARSONS FIELD		
Worcester County Electric Co.	10.00	
New bases	23.90	
Mowing	120.00	
Labor, Sundry Persons	49.48	203.38
SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM		
Mrs. Fred Shepard, Director	150.00	
2 Assistants	50.00	
Material, Sundry Persons	94.64	
Labor, Sundry Persons	77.56	372.20
INSURANCE		6,462.21

MEMORIAL DAY		
Kelly the Florist	12.00	
Speaker	10.00	
Belchertown Farms	15.00	
Longview Filling Station (ice cream)	16.25	
Jackson's	16.50	
L. H. Blackmer	4.00	
Public School Band	126.25	200.00
VETERANS' DAY		
Kelley the Florist	45.00	
Public School Band	15.00	60.00
PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF DISCHARGES		
Howard Quirk		1.50
TOWN CLOCK		
Frank Scialla		100.00
TOWN DUMP		
Bob Nutting, bulldozing	125.00	
Harvey Lincourt	38.00	163.00
TOWN COMMON		
Worcester County Electric Co.	10.80	
Mowing	229.00	
D .D. Hazen	8.00	247.80
NORTH WASHINGTON STREET SIDEWALK		
Labor and Material		821.00
UNPAID BILLS 1955		
Sundry Persons		462.77
WAR MEMORIAL		
Ludlow Savings Bank		500.00
TOWN HISTORY		
Clerical		9.00
PRINTING AND PUBLISHING 1955 ASSESSED VALUATIONS		
Assessors	60.00	
Postage	50.00	
Clerical	29.00	
Printing	450.00	589.00

MT. HOPE CEMETERY FENCE		
Wire for Fence, and labor		125.00
CEMETERIES		
Labor, Sundry Persons	1,529.75	
Fill, water and all others	128.32	1,658.07
SOLDIERS' GRAVES		
Labor, Sundry Persons		168.40
INTEREST		
First National Bank of Boston	3,951.00	
Palmer National Bank	432.23	
School Loan 1952	1,984.50	
School Loan 1952	1,554.00	
Sewer Loan 1949	412.50	
Fire Equipment Loan 1953	165.00	
Sewer Loan 1952	125.00	8,624.23
MATURING DEBT		
Sewer Loan 1949	2,000.00	
School Loan 1952	12,000.00	
School Loan 1952	9,000.00	
Fire Equipment Loan 1953	2,000.00	
Sewer Loan 1952	1,000.00	26,000.00
TRUST		
Blue Cross—Blue Shield	1,493.65	
Washington Nat'l Insurance Co.	808.98	
Retirement, Hampshire County System	1,755.06	4,057.69
AGENCY		
Withholding Taxes, Sundry Persons		21,870.73
Commonwealth of Massachusetts		
State Parks and Reservations	814.65	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	2,296.64	3,111.29
County of Hampshire		
County Tax	12,710.67	
Dog Licenses	1,255.20	13,965.87
Dog Officer's Fees		
Wallace Chevalier, Dog Officer		284.75
Sporting Licenses		1,944.50
Dog License Fund		
Clapp Memorial Library		786.68

REFUNDS AND TRANSFERS		
Sewer 1956	10.00	
Personal and Real Estate 1955	185.50	
Poll, Personal, and Real Estate 1956	375.40	
Motor Vehicle Excise 1955 and 1956	1,432.93	2,003.83
Old Age Recovery		
Attorney's fees		10.00
Wild Cat Bounty		10.00
Smith Hughes-George Barden Fund		200.00
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund		156.49
Temporary Loan		40,000.00
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE FUND		
Ludlow Savings Bank		650.00
SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM		
Payroll, Sundry Persons	13,586.30	
Supplies, Sundry Persons	16,380.50	29,966.80
FLOOD		
Clerical	33.20	
Postage	1.54	
Labor and material for permanent work	4,559.68	4,594.42
Total expenses for year ending December 31, 1956		$545,383.80
Cash on hand December 31, 1956		147,985.47
		$693,369.27

I hereby certify the foregoing information to be complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Fanny G. Morey,
Town Accountant

Report of Finance Committee

Account	Appropriations 1956	Recommended 1957
Selectmen:		
Chairman	$325.00	$325.00
Clerk	275.00	275.00
Other Member	275.00	275.00
Expenses	200.00	200.00
Town Accountant:		
Salary	650.00	650.00
Expenses	75.00	100.00
Town Treasurer:		
Salary	1,250.00	1,350.00
Expenses	540.00	741.00
Town Collector:		
Salary	1,500.00 (no fees)	1,600.00 (no fees)
Expenses	725.00	942.00
Town Clerk:		
Salary	850.00 (no fees)	850.00 (no fees)
Expenses	120.00	263.00
Assessors:		
Chairman	500.00	500.00
Other member	400.00	400.00
Other member	400.00	400.00
Expenses	600.00	650.00
Election and Registration	1,200.00	750.00
Certification of Notes	10.00	10.00
Law	600.00	400.00
Town Hall	800.00	1,000.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00	400.00
American Legion Hdqtrs.	410.00	410.00
Police	3,400.00	4,250.00

Account	Appropriations 1956	Recommended 1957
Fire Department	2,865.00	2,965.00
Forest Fires	1,500.00	1,730.00
Hydrant Service	1,500.00	1,500.00
Moth Suppression	800.00	300.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,000.00	1,500.00
Tree Warden	1,200.00	1,200.00
Sealer Weights & Measures	100.00	100.00
Inspector of Wires (salary)	150.00	150.00
Civil Defense	1,195.00	900.00
Health	750.00	1,778.00
Sewers—Maintenance	3,600.00	3,600.00
Highways—Snow	4,500.00	6,000.00
Highways—Streets	2,300.00	1,500.00
Highways—Bridges	1,500.00	2,600.00
Highways—Sidewalks	100.00	250.00
Cleaning & Repairing Water Holes	300.00	300.00
Street Lights	3,300.00	3,188.00
Veterans' Aid	1,500.00	1,050.00
Public Welfare—Salaries:		
Chairman	175.00	175.00
Other member	125.00	125.00
Other member	125.00	125.00
Pþblic Welfare District	1,500.00	1,675.00
Public Welfare—General Relief	1,500.00	1,200.00
Old Age Assistance	36,000.00	34,000.00
Disability Assistance	3,000.00	3,200.00
Aid to Dependent Children	1,500.00	750.00
Schools	193,357.00	213,625.00
Vocational Education	4,000.00	4,000.00
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00	700.00
Parsons Recreation Field	350.00	350.00
Summer Recreation Program	350.00	350.00
Insurance	4,700.00	7,144.58
Memorial Day	200.00	200.00
Veterans Day	60.00	60.00
Photostats of Discharges	10.00	10.00

APPENDIX

Account	Appropriations 1956	Recommended 1957
Town Dump	325.00	275.00
Town Clock	100.00	100.00
Belchertown Common	225.00	250.00
Unclassified	700.00	750.00
Reserve Fund	3,500.00	3,500.00
Cemeteries	1,200.00	1,400.00
Soldiers' Graves	250.00	250.00
Interest	8,192.00	7,621.00
Maturing Debt	26,000.00	25,000.00
Retirement Payments	1,622.88	2,052.35
War Memorial	500.00	500.00
Planning Board	300.00	300.00

Art. 5—$35,025.00. Art. 6—$3,000.00. Art. 7—$1,000.00. Art. 9—$6,000.00. Art. 10—$325.00. Art. 12—$200.00. Art. 15—$812.25. Art. 16—None. Art. 17—$750.00. Art. 18 — $1,000.00. Art. 19 — $1,000.00. Art. 20—$500.00. Art. 21—$500.00. Art. 28—$500.00. Art. 31—$600.00. Art. 32—$1,269.00.

ELLIOTT S. CORDNER, *Ch.*
BERNARD BOWLER
ISAAC HODGEN
STANFORD J. HARRINGTON
JOSEPH F. FLANAGAN
Finance Committee

APPENDIX

Town Warrant

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 4 AND 11, 1957

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To any of the constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday, the fourth day of February, A. D. 1957, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit, a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Town Treasurer, a Planning Board member, a Tree Warden, and five Constables, each for one year; a Selectman, a School Committee member, a Cemetery Commissioner, an Assessor, a Sewer Commissioner, each for three years; one Planning Board member for five years. And to vote as to whether or not the town will accept the provisions of Chapter 32B relative to town insurance for employees.

The polls will be open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at seven o'clock in the evening.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the eleventh day of February, A. D. 1957, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committee that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current financial year and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, Program of 1957, on Chauncey D. Walker Street (Route 21—Turkey Hill Road), or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, an additional sum of money for Chapter 90 Construction, Program of 1956, on Chauncey D. Walker Street (Route 21—Turkey Hill Road), or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Road

Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the payment of $325 for the salaries of the School Committee for the ensuing year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed $1.25 per hour for the year 1957, as provided for in the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art.12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the payment of $200 for salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the ensuing year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1957, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $812.25 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the War Memorial Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of Shea Avenue, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of Sabin Street, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of George Hannum Street, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of Cold Spring Road, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase and install one Radio Transmitter-Receiver unit and accessories for the use of the Belchertown Police, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will establish the term of office of the Town Treasurer as three years, as authorized under the provisions of Section 1, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, such term to be on the official ballot of the Annual Town Election of 1958, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from proceeds of money received under Chapter 718, Acts of 1956, or from available funds, or from taxation, a sum of money for reconstruction of Springfield Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from proceeds of money received under Chapter 718, Acts of 1956, or from available funds, or from taxation, a sum of money for the reconstruction of Rockrimmon Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from proceeds of money received under Chapter 718, Acts of 1956, or from available funds, or from taxation, a sum of money for the reconstruction of North Washington Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to accept from Ernest Ducharme, Inc., a newly laid out street known as Daniel Square, extending from Stebbins Street *Northerly* a distance of four hundred fifty-five (455) feet, and forty feet wide; *Westerly* six hundred and fifty-eight (658) feet, and forty feet wide; as shown on a layout plan by John J. McCool, dated November, 1954, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Northampton, Mass., and further that these streets shall be accepted as public highways and designated as Daniel Square, as presently named, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to accept from Catherine S. Chadbourne a newly laid out street known as Lloyd Avenue, extending from No. Main Street, easterly, a distance of six hundred and ninety (690) feet, and fifty feet wide. Also Chadbourne Road, a newly laid out street, extending northerly from Lloyd Avenue, a distance of four hundred and thirty (430) teet, and fifty (50) feet wide, to Sargent Street, as shown on a layout plan by Chester Hussey and Aubrey Lapolice, dated May, 1954, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Northampton, Massachusetts, and on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Belchertown, and further that these streets shall be accepted as public town highways and officially designated as Lloyd Avenue and Chadbourne Road as presently named, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the use of the Regional School Planning Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the repair or renewal of the heating installation at the Clapp Memorial Library, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of not less than three and no more than five members, for the purpose of studying the feasibility of and the necessary procedure for, the establishment of a Parks and Playgrounds Commission, or a similar governing body in Belchertown. Said committee shall determine the status of the Common, Parsons Field, land owned by the town of Belchertown on Lake Arcadia (Middle Pond so-called), and the Old Town Hall, with a view toward combining the control, maintenance and further development of these properties under a Parks and Playground Commission or similar governing body. Said Committee shall report its findings at the next annual town meetng, together with such recommendations as it desires to make, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the further extension of the sidewalk on North Washington Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1956:

Chemical Corporation, Highways-Snow	$854.00
S. P. Puffer, Jr., Highways-Snow	273.00
Anderson Engineering Co., Road Machinery Expense	93.00
Worcester County Electric Co., Road Machinery Expense	16.00
Hampshire County Sanatorium, Health	33.00

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee from Surplus Revenue to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1957, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 34. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, one at Union School at Dwight, and one at Keyes' Hotel at South Belchertown, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this twenty-first day of January A. D. 1957.

JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
RAYMOND C. GAY
Selectmen of Belchertown

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Town Officers, 1957

ELECTED

Name	*Office*	*Term Expires*
	MODERATOR	
Lewis H. Blackmer		Feb. 1958
	TOWN CLERK AND TOWN TREASURER	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		Feb. 1958
	COLLECTOR OF TAXES AND TOWN COLLECTOR	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		Feb. 1959
	SELECTMEN, BOARD OF HEALTH AND BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE	
Michael S. Mathras		Feb. 1960
John W. Avery		Feb. 1959
Charles F. Austin		Feb. 1958
	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Fitzhugh L. Turner, Jr.		Feb. 1960
Walter P. Piper		Feb. 1959
Fanny Morey		Feb. 1958
	PLANNING BOARD	
Henry Renouf		Feb. 1962
George B. Jackson		Feb. 1961
Richard D. N. Dickinson		Feb. 1960
William E. Aldrich		Feb. 1959
Warren P. Barrett		Feb. 1958
	CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	
Michael F. Shea		Feb. 1960
Charles F. Austin		Feb. 1959
Lincoln A. Cook		Feb. 1958

ASSESSORS

William F. Kimball, Jr.	Feb. 1960
William E. Aldrich	Feb. 1959
George E. Booth	Feb. 1958

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Milton C. Baggs	Feb. 1960
D. Donald Hazen	Feb. 1959
Ella A. Stebbins (resigned, November 27, 1957)	———

TREE WARDEN

Edward B. Conkey	Feb. 1958

CONSTABLES

Adam L. Antonovitch	Feb. 1958
Ernest M. Gay	Feb. 1958
Frank P. Loftus	Feb. 1958
Andrew T. Sears	Feb. 1958
Herbert E. Squires	Feb. 1958

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET AND MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUNDS

Ruth B. Fuller	Feb. 1958
Sophia M. Pero	Feb. 1958

TRUSTEES OF CALVIN D. BRIDGMAN FUND

George A. Poole	Feb. 1960
Lewis H. Blackmer	Feb. 1959
D. Donald Hazen	Feb. 1958

APPOINTED TOWN OFFICERS

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Fanny G. Morey	Dec. 1, 1958

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joseph Flanagan	Feb. 1960
Elliott S. Cordner	Feb. 1959
Bernard Bowler	Feb. 1959
Stanford J. Harrington	Feb. 1958
Isaac A. Hodgen	Feb. 1958

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Alice M. Flaherty	Feb. 1960
Roy G. Shaw	Feb. 1959
Raymond T. Beaudoin	Feb. 1958

Maude LaCross, Temporary appointment Nov. 14, 1957, indefinite

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Belchertown, Mass., Feb. 14, 1957

At the regular weekly meeting of the Board of Selectmen held Thursday night, February 14, 1957, the following appointments were made:

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joseph Flanagan	Feb. 1960

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

Alice M. Flaherty	Feb. 1960

Maude LaCross (temporary appointment November 14, 1957 ——

FIRE CHIEF AND FOREST WARDEN

Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr.	Feb. 1958

CHIEF OF POLICE

Ernest M. Gay	Feb. 1958

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Andrew T. Sears	Feb. 1958

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Joseph Kulig	Feb. 1958

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Raymond C. Gay	Feb. 1958

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Edward B. Conkey	Feb. 1958

TRUSTEE FOR HAMP. CO. AID TO AGRICULTURE

Robert E. Hanifin	Feb. 1958

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Aubrey D. Lapolice (B. S. S.)	Feb. 1958
Donald Terry	Feb. 1958
Raymond C. Gay	Feb. 1958
John B. Nadeau (B. S. S.)	Feb. 1958

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Chester Dzwonkowski	Feb. 1958
David E. Fournier	Feb. 1958
Ernest M. Gay (resigned May 1, 1957)	———
Andrew T. Sears (resigned May 1, 1957)	———
Adam L. Antonovitch (appointed May 1, 1957)	Feb. 1958
Elwyn Bock (appointed May 16, 1957)	Feb. 1958

VETERANS' AGENT

Fanny Morey	Feb. 1958

POLICE OFFICERS

Adam Antonovitch	Feb. 1958
Ernest M. Gay	Feb. 1958
Frank P. Loftus	Feb. 1958
Andrew T. Sears	Feb. 1958
Herbert Squires	Feb. 1958

SPECIAL POLICE

Edward Czech (Church traffic, So. Belchertown)	Feb. 1958
William F. Kimball, Jr. (Truant officer)	Feb. 1958
William F. Kimball, Jr. (School traffic, Center)	Feb. 1958
Mabel Depot (School traffic, Cold Spring)	Feb. 1958
Wallace Chevalier (Dog officer)	Feb. 1958
Clarence Hubbard (Belchertown Br. Ludlow Savings Bk.	Feb. '58
Clarence Hubbard (Auxiliary school traffic officer)	Feb. 1958
William H. Leaders (Aux. School traffic officer) appointed October 21, 1957	Feb. 1958

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Harry Ryther	Feb. 1958
H. Morgan Ryther	Feb. 1958
Arthur Brooks	Feb. 1958

Walter Tolpa, Jr. (appointed July 3, 1957)	Feb. 1958
Harold Cook (appointed July 3, 1957)	Feb. 1958

PUBLIC WEIGHERS—B. S. S.

Earl G. D. Allis	Feb. 1958
Paul T. Austin	Feb. 1958
Randolph H. Brown	Feb. 1958
Eugene Daniels	Feb. 1958
John E. Davis	Feb. 1958
John T. Flaherty	Feb. 1958
Julius Goodman	Feb. 1958
C. Lawrence Rhodes	Feb. 1958
Paul T. Foran	Feb. 1958
Leon M. Hislop	Feb. 1958
Charles W. Kern	Feb. 1958
H. Conrad Kirby	Feb. 1958
Aubrey D. Lapolice	Feb. 1958
Frank Lashway	Feb. 1958
Donald L. Morey	Feb. 1958
Daniel P. Shea	Feb. 1958
Wendell C. McGinnis	Feb. 1958
Walter F. McKillop	Feb. 1958
Maurice McLean	Feb. 1958
John B. Nadeau	Feb. 1958
Patrick J. Nagle	Feb. 1958
Theodore M. Picard	Feb. 1958
Douglas Rhodes	Feb. 1958
Chester J. Sosnowski	Feb. 1958
Richard T. Lapolice	Feb. 1958

SPECIAL POLICE

Henry A. Tadgell, M. D. (Not limited to B. S. S.)	Feb. 1958
Thomas P. Feeney (Not limited to B. S. S.)	Feb. 1958

SPECIAL POLICE (Limited)
(appointed February 28, 1957)

Charles Ayers	Feb. 1958
Robert Anderson	Feb. 1958

Elwyn Bock	Feb. 1958
Lester Beaudoin	Feb. 1958
Edward Czech	Feb. 1958
Earl Henrichon	Feb. 1958
Royal Gay	Feb. 1958
Willard Young, Jr.	Feb. 1958
James Baker	Feb. 1958
Randolph Brown	Feb. 1958

BOARD OF HEALTH (Appointed)

Kenneth L. Collard, M. D, Health physician	Feb. 1958
Max Garber, Agent	Feb. 1958
Henry A. Tadgell, M. D., Special agent	Feb. 1958

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Francis M. Austin, D. V. M.	Feb. 1958

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Clarence Hubbard	Feb. 1958

REPORT CLERK

Doris S. Squires	Feb. 1958

SPECIAL POLICE FOR THE FAIR

(Appointed October 3, 1957)

E. F. Shumway
Fred Lincoln
George A. Poole
Charles Austin
Nelson Hill

W. S. Piper
Charles Sanford, hall
Donald Terry
Roy G. Shaw
Paige Piper

A True Copy Attest
Robert D. Camp, Sr., Town Clerk

February 1, 1957

The Board of Registrars of Voters on this date appointed the following named persons as assistant registrars, for the purpose of taking the annual Street List for the year 1957:

Edward Czech
Adam Antonovitch

Elwyn Bock
Willard Young, Jr.

Wallace Chevalier
Randolph Brown
Robert Anderson
Charles Ayers

Lester Beaudoin
James Baker
Andrew Sears
Royal Gay

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APPOINTMENTS BY TOWN MODERATOR

Under the provisions of Article 30, Annual Warrant of 1957, the following persons have been appointed as a committee to investigate the matter of a Parks and Playground Commission for the town of Belchertown:

Isaac A. Hodgen
Willard H. Young, Sr.
James P. Mullane
Elwyn J. Doubleday
Milton R. Locke

Lewis H. Blackmer, *Town Moderator*

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

(appointed by Fire Chief)

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
Kenneth Bristol
Carl Peterson
Louis Fuller
Nelson J. Hill
Ernest M. Gay

MEMBERS BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr., Chief
Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr. Asst. Chief
Kenneth Bristol, Captain
Carl J. Peterson, Lieutenant
Louis Fuller, Lieutenant
Roy G. Shaw, Lieutenant
Guy C. Allen
George Dewey
Wilbur Eaton
Ernest Gay
Sherman Gould
Hubert Greene
Raymond Hale
Nelson Hill
Isaac Hodgen
William Kimball, Jr.
Fred Lincoln
Raymond Menard
Michael Oberly
Harold Peck
Paige Piper
Louis Shumway
Herbert Squires
David A. Staples
Willard Young, Jr.

DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE OPERATORS

Ruth Neville	Pauline Barrett
Jane Conklin	Hazel Charles

Marguerite Mumford

JURORS DRAWN, 1957

GRAND JUROR

George E. Booth

TRAVERSE JURORS

January
- H. Conrad Kirby
- Arthur L. Allen

April
- Armand Cartier
- Helen R. Allen

May
- Andrew G. Ketchen
- Donald A. Towne

September
- Earl F. Henrichon

November
- Raymond T. Beaudoin
- Theodore R. Wickham

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall	Newton, Mass.
John Kennedy	Boston, Mass.

CONGRESSMAN—FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

John Heselton	Deerfield, Mass.

STATE SENATOR

Ralph C. Mahar	Orange, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

Isaac A. Hodgen	Belchertown, Mass.

COUNCILLOR, EIGHTH COUNCILLOR DISTRICT

Raymond T. Sullivan	Springfield, Mass.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Hiram H. Brownell	Northampton, Mass.
Raymond A. Lyman	Easthampton, Mass.
John R. Callahan, Jr.	Hadley, Mass.

CLERK OF COURTS

Merrill E. Torrey Northampton, Mass.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Raymond A. Warner Williamsburg, Mass.

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Frank E. Tuit, II Northampton, Mass.

COUNTY TREASURER

Howard A. Banner Northampton, Mass

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Sanford Keedy Amherst, Mass.

List of Jurors

APPOINTED SEPTEMBER, 1957

NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
Norman R. Wilson	Jabish St.	Mechanic
Michael F. Shea	Main St.	Back tender
George B. Jackson	So. Main St.	Research Engineer
Frank J. Kosiba	Federal St.	Interviewer
Joseph LaBrie	Federal St.	Heat treater
Harvey M. Dickinson	So. Main St.	Plastic worker
Fred D. Stockton	No. Washington St.	Mathematician
Wallace F. Chevalier	Sargent St.	Production foreman
Roderigue S. Valliere	Rockrimmon Rd.	Pharmacist
Ann C. Austin	West Street	Housewife
Catherine S. Chadbourne	North Main St.	Widow
Muriel B. Craig	So. Main Street	Housewife
Lucy J. Hislop	South Main Street	Bookkeeper
Alma Lindquist	Mill Valley Rd.	Bank teller
Florence B. Poole	Maple Street	Canteen Hostess
Ruby V. Andrews	Ballou St.	At home
Barbara A. Gay	Main St.	Housewife
Emma L. M. Grover	Federal St.	Housewife
Bertha C. Aldrich	Federal St.	Housewife
Mildred S. Cole	Franklin St.	Housewife, teacher
Charles F. Austin	Ware Road	Laborer
Joseph F. Austin	West Street	Dairy Farmer

NAME	ADDRESS	OCCUPATION
Philip R. Barnes	Federal Street	Maintenance
Raymond T. Beaudoin	Metacomet St.	Farmer
John A. Collis	Main Street	Poultryman
Raymond G. Dana	C. Walker Street	Setter
David E. Fournier, Jr.	Bay Road	Farmer
Fred Goodrich	Federal Street	Storekeeper
Charles F. Howard	Jackson Street	Machinist
Antranig Juskalian	Green Avenue	Lead Operator
Harold D. Kimball	South Main Street	T. V. Repairman
Wilfred L. Noel	Maple Street	Lead Operator
Harold D. Suhm	So. Main St.	Stationary Fireman
Sidney W. Wheeler	Everett Avenue	Financial Adviser
Carl E. White	C. Walker Street	Area Mechanic
Theodore R. Wickham	State Street	Refrigeration man
James Donovan	So. Main St.	Asst. advertising mgr.
Royal K. Gay	No. Main St.	Truck driver, serv. man
Kenneth F. Bristol	Cottage St.	Mechanic
David W. Russell	South St.	Salesman
William H. Squires, Jr.	Main St.	Auto mechanic
Randolph H. Brown	Turkey Hill Rd.	Maintenance man
Raymond C. Gay	Main St.	Trucker
Earl F. Henrichon	C. Walker St.	Insurance underwriter
Howard W. Knight	Everett Ave.	Guard
William T. Slate	Bardwell St.	Electrician
Harvey A. Samson	No. Main St.	Stationary engineer
Guy C. Allen, Jr.	So. Main St.	Master plumber
Melvin E. Bosworth	Jabish St.	Maintenance foreman
Charles H. Sanford	No. Main St.	Carpenter

Board of Health Regulations

ADOPTED OR AMENDED DURING THE YEAR 1957

At the regular meeting of the Belchertown Board of Health, held February 28, 1957, it was voted to amend the Rules and Regulations, as covered by the General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 31, (Ter. Ed.) as amended by Chapter 285 of the Acts of 1937. Specifically Chapter VIII, relating to Recreational Camps, Overnight Camps or Cabins and Motels, and Trailer Coach Parks:

Article 14a to read as follows:

Each trailer unit shall have an area of not less than 3,000 square feet, with suitable markers set at each corner. No unit shall be permitted to accommodate more than one trailer. The minimum distance between trailers, a trailer and a building, or a trailer and a property line, shall be 10 feet. The minimum distance from a street line to a trailer shall be 15 feet.

At the regular meeting of the Belchertown Board of Health, held April 4, 1957, it was voted to amend the Rules and Regulations, as covered by the General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 31 (Ter. Ed.) as amended by Chapter 285 of the Acts of 1937. Specifically Chapter IV, relating to Pigs and Piggeries, Amends rules as adopted by the Board of Health, June 2, 1953, and amended June 1, 1956. Article 111 to read as follows:

A piggery shall consist of not more than 40 pigs, and shall be suitably isolated and maintained in such manner that no nuisance shall be created thereby. No pen or enclosure shall be located within 150 feet of any public highway.

At the regular meeting of the Belchertown Board of Health, held on April 25, 1957, the following regulation was adopted:

No person shall station or permit to be stationed, a trailer to be used for human habitation for a period longer than 24 hours on any lot within the town of Belchertown.

This regulation shall not apply to the case of persons who hold a Trailer Coach License under Chapter 140, Section 32B, of the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

At the regular meeting of the Belchertown Board of Health, held May 23, 1957, the following regulation was adopted in accordance with the General Laws, Chapter 111, Section 31 (Ter. Ed.) as amended by Chapter 285 of the Acts of 1937:

No person, firm or corporation, shall sell, offer for sale, hold in possession with intent to sell, exchange or deliver any milk or cream in the town of Belchertown, unless such milk or cream is certified according to the provisions of the law, or pasteurized as provided for in Section 1 of Chapter 94 of the General Laws.

This rule shall not apply to milk intended to be delivered for the purpose of pasteurization.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS, Chairman
JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
Board of Health

Posted and Recorded
ATTEST: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Minutes of Town Meetings

Recorded by Town Clerk

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 4 AND 11, 1957

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committee that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current financial year and act thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, Program of 1957, on Chauncey D. Walker Street (Route 21—Turkey Hill Road), or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, an additional sum of money for Chapter 90 Construction, Program of 1956, on Chauncey D. Walker Street (Route 21—Turkey Hill Road), or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the payment of $325 for the salaries of the School Committee for the ensuing year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed $1.25 per hour for the year 1957, as provided for in the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art.12. To see if the town will vote to authorize the payment of $200 for salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the ensuing year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1957, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $812.25 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the War Memorial Fund, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of Shea Avenue, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of Sabin Street, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of George Hannum Street, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of Cold Spring Road, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase and install one Radio Transmitter-Receiver unit and accessories for the use of the Belchertown Police, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will establish the term of office of the Town Treasurer as three years, as authorized under the provisions of Section 1, Chapter 41, of the General Laws, such term to be on the official ballot of the Annual Town Election of 1958, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from proceeds of money received under Chapter 718, Acts of 1956, or from available funds, or from taxation, a sum of money for reconstruction of Springfield Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from proceeds of money received under Chapter 718, Acts of 1956, or from available funds, or from taxation, a sum of money for the reconstruction of Rockrimmon Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from proceeds of money received under Chapter 718, Acts of 1956, or from available funds, or from taxation, a sum of money for the reconstruction of North Washington Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to accept from Ernest Ducharme, Inc., a newly laid out street known as Daniel Square, extending from Stebbins Street *Northerly* a distance of four hundred fifty-five (455) feet, and forty feet wide; *Westerly* six hundred and fifty-eight (658) feet, and forty feet wide; as shown on a layout plan by John J. McCool, dated November, 1954, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Northampton, Mass., and further that these streets shall be accepted as public highways and designated as Daniel Square, as presently named, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to accept from Catherine S. Chadbourne a newly laid out street known as Lloyd Avenue, extending from No. Main Street, easterly, a distance of six hundred and ninety (690) feet, and fifty feet wide. Also Chadbourne Road, a newly laid out street, extending northerly from Lloyd Avenue, a distance of four hundred and thirty (430) feet, and fifty (50) feet wide, to Sargent Street, as shown on a layout plan by Chester Hussey and Aubrey Lapolice, dated May, 1954, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Northampton, Massachusetts, and on file with the Town Clerk of the Town of Belchertown, and further that these streets shall be accepted as public town highways and officially designated as Lloyd Avenue and Chadbourne Road as presently named, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the use of the Regional School Planning Committee, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the repair or renewal of the heating installation at the Clapp Memorial Library, or take any other action relative thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of not less than three and no more than five members, for the purpose of studying the feasibility of and the necessary procedure for, the establishment of a Parks and Playgrounds Commission, or a similar governing body in Belchertown. Said committee shall determine the status of the Common, Parsons Field, land owned by the town of Belchertown on Lake Arcadia (Middle Pond so-called), and the Old Town Hall, with a view toward combining the control, maintenance and further development of these properties under a Parks and Playground Commission or similar governing body. Said Committee shall report its findings at the next annual town meetng, together with such recommendations as it desires to make, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the further extension of the sidewalk on North Washington Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1956:

Chemical Corporation, Highways-Snow	$854.00
S. P. Puffer, Jr., Highways-Snow	273.00
Anderson Engineering Co., Road Machinery Expense	93.00
Worcester County Electric Co., Road Machinery Expense	16.00
Hampshire County Sanatorium, Health	33.00

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to appropriate an amount as recommended by the Finance Committee from Surplus Revenue to be used by the Assessors in establishing the tax rate for 1957, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 34. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 1957

Meeting called to order at 7.34 p. m.

Art. 1. Nominated and elected Mrs. Sophia Pero and Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller as almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman funds, each for one year; and George A. Poole as trustee of the Calvin Bridgman fund for three years.

Art. 2. Voted that the reports of the officers and committees of the town be accepted as printed in the Town Report, with the exception of the Finance Committee report. (Report of Safety Committee read, accepted, and committee thanked and dismissed.)

Art. 3. Voted that the report of the Finance Committee be considered, and that each item in the report be accepted as a written motion as required by the town by-laws. (Amounts voted are appended).

Art. 4. Voted that the town give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance ($838.00) of the dog license fund.

Art. 5. Voted that the sum of $6,700.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition the sum of $28,325.00 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the treasury to meet the state's share in the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the state to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated funds in the treasury.

Art. 6. Voted that sum of $3,000. be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Chauncey Walker Street (Route 21, Turkey Hill Road) and that in addition the sum of $12,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the state and county shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the state and county to be restored upon their receipt to the unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Art. 7. Voted that the sum of $3,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the state's share of the cost of the Chapter 90 construction program of 1956. (Chauncey Walker Street, Route 21, Turkey Hill Road). This amount in addition to funds previously transferred for this purpose, the reimbursement to be restored upon receipt to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Art. 8. Voted that the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Maintenance, and that in addition the sum of $4,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the state and county shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the state and county to be restored upon receipt to unappropriated available funds in the treasury.

Art. 9. Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $6,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

Art. 10. Voted to authorize the payment of $325.00 for the salaries of the school committee for the year ensuing.

Art. 11. Voted to allow the cemetery commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed $1.25 per hour for the year 1957, as provided for in the General Laws.

Art. 12. Voted the payment of $200.00 for the salaries of the sewer commissioners for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. Voted to authorize the sewer commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer systems at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1957.

Art. 14. Voted to authorize the treasurer, with the approval of the selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws. (Vote unanimous).

Art. 15. Voted to transfer from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $812.25 to the Insurance Account.

Art. 16. Voted to be tabled.

Art. 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $750.00 for the improvement of a section of Shea Avenue, a public way.

Art. 18. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the improvement of a section of Sabin Street, a public way.

Art. 19. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the improvement of a section of George Hannum Street, a public way.

Art. 20. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the improvement of Cold Spring Road, a public way.

Art. 21. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to purchase and install one Radio-Transmitter-Receiver unit and accessories for the use of the police.

Art. 22. Voted to establish the term of office of the town treasurer as three years, as authorized under the provisions of Section 1, Chapter 41, of the General Laws; such term to be on the official ballot of the annual town election of 1958.

Art. 23. Voted that the sum of $1,000.00 be appropriated for the permanent construction of Springfield Road, and to meet the said appropriation, the sum of $1,000.00 be transferred from the proceeds received from the state under the provisions of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956, or any amendments thereto..

Art. 24. Voted that the sum of $800.00 be appropriated for the permanent construction of Rockrimmon Street, and to meet said appropriation, the sum of $800.00 be transferred from the proceeds received from the state under the provisions of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956, or any amendments thereto.

Art. 25. Voted that the sum of $1,500.00 be appropriated for the permanent construction of North Washington Street, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $1,500.00 be transferred from the proceeds received from the state under the provisions of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956, or any amendments thereto.

Art. 26. Voted to table and refer to Planning Board to be enacted at a later meeting.

Art. 27. Voted to accept from Catherine S. Chadbourne a newly laid out street known as Lloyd Avenue, extending from North Main Street, easterly, a distance of 690 feet, and fifty feet wide. Also Chadbourne Road, a newly laid out street extending northerly from Lloyd Avenue, a distance of 430 feet, and fifty feet wide, to Sargent Street, as shown in a lay-out plan by Chester Hussey and Aubrey Lapolice, dated May, 1954, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Northampton, Massachusetts; and on file with the town clerk of Belchertown, and further that these streets shall be accepted as public town highways and officially designated as Lloyd Avenue and Chadbourne Road, as presently named.

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Art. 30. Voted to authorize the moderator to appoint a committee of not less than three and no more than five members for the purpose of studying the feasibility of and necessary procedure for the establishment of a Parks and Playground Commission, or a similar governing body in Belchertown. Said committee shall determine the status of the Common, Parsons Field, land owned by the town of Belchertown on Lake Arcadia (Middle Pond, so called) and the Old Town Hall, with a view toward combining the control, maintenance and further development of these properties under a Parks and Playground Commission or similar governing body. Said committee shall report its findings at the next annual town meeting, together with such recommendations as it desires to make.

Art. 31. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $600.00 for the further extension of the sidewalk on North Washington Street.

Art. 32. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,269.00 to pay bills incurred during the year 1956.

Art. 33. Voted to table.

Art. 34. No action.

Meeting adjourned at 11:17 p. m. by majority vote.

APPROPRIATIONS MADE IN TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 11, 1957

Article 3

Account		Appropriations	Available Funds
Selectmen,	Chairman	$325.00	
	Clerk	275.00	
	Other Member	275.00	
	Expenses	200.00	
Town Accountant, Salary		650.00	
	Expenses	100.00	
Town Treasurer, salary		1,350.00	
	Expenses	741.00	
Collector of Taxes and Town Collector			
	Salary	1,600.00	No fees
	Expenses	942.00	
Town Clerk, salary		850.00	No fees
	Expenses	263.00	
Assessors, chairman		500.00	
	Other member	400.00	
	Other member	400.00	
	Expenses	650.00	
Election and Registration		750.00	
Certification of Notes		10.00	
Law		400.00	
Town Hall		1,000.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall		400.00	
American Legion Headquarters		410.00	
Police		4,250.00	
Fire Department		2,965.00	
Forest Fires		1,730.00	
Hydrant Service		1,500.00	
Moth Suppression		300.00	
Dutch Elm Disease		1,500.00	
Tree Warden		1,200.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures		100.00	

Inspector of Wires (salary)	150.00	
Civil Defense	900.00	
Health	1,778.00	
Sewers—Maintenance	3,600.00	
Highways—Snow	6,000.00	
Highways—Streets	1,500.00	
Highways—Bridges	2,600.00	
Highways—Sidewalks	250.00	
Cleaning & Repairing Water Holes	300.00	
Street Lights	3,188.00	
Veterans' Aid	1,050.00	
Public Welfare		
Salaries—Chairman	175.00	
Other member	125.00	
Other member	125.00	
Public Welfare District	1,675.00	
Public Welfare—General Relief	1,200.00	
Old Age Assistance	34,000.00	
Disability Insurance	3,200.00	
Aid to Dependent Children	750.00	
Schools	204,625.00	
Vocational Education	4,000.00	
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00	
Parsons Recreation Field	350.00	
Summer Recreation Program	350.00	
Insurance	7,144.58	
Memorial Day	200.00	
Veterans Day	60.00	
Photostats of Discharges	10.00	
Town Dump	275.00	
Town Clock	100.00	
Belchertown Common	250.00	
Unclassified	750.00	
Reserve Fund from Overlayings Reserve——		$3,500.00
Cemeteries	1,400.00	

Account	Appropriations	Available Funds
Soldiers' Graves	250.00	
Interest	7,621.00	
Maturing Debt	26,000.00	
Retirement Payments	2,052.35	
War Memorial	500.00	
Planning Board	300.00	
Art. 4. Clapp Mem'l Lib., Dog Fund	——	838.00
Art. 5 Chapter 81 Highways	6,700.00	S. & C. 28,325.00
Art. 6. Ch. 90 H'y Const. (1957)	3,000.00	S. & C. 12,000.00
Art. 7. " " (1956)	———	3,000.00
Art. 8. Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	4,000.00
Art. 9. Road Machinery Expense from Road Machinery Earnings		6,000.00
Art. 15. Insurance Account from Insurance Reserve Account		812.25
Art. 17. Improvement Shea Avenue	750.00	
Art. 18. Improvement Sabin St.	1,000.00	
Art. 19. Imp. Geo. Hannum St.	1,000.00	
Art. 20. Imp. Cold Spring Rd.	500.00	
Art. 21. Radio Transmitter-Receiver Unit for Police	500.00	
Art. 23. Spfd. Road Const Chap. 718	——	1,000.00
Art. 24. Rockrimmon St. Const. Ch. 718	—	800.00
Art. 25. No. Wash. St. Const. Ch. 718	——	1,500.00
Art. 28. Regional School Planning Committee	500.00	
Art. 29. Clapp Memorial Library, heating plant	1,700.00	
Art. 31. No. Wash. St. sidewalk	600.00	
Art. 32. Bills of 1956	1,269.00	
	$364,058.93	$61,775.25

RESULT OF ANNUAL ELECTION FEB. 4, 1957

Office	Candidate	Votes Precinct A	Votes B	Votes Tot.
Moderator for one year	Lewis H. Blackmer	722	149	871
	Stanford Harrington	1	0	1
Town Clerk for one year	Robert D. Camp, Sr.	736	158	894
Town Treasurer for one year	Robert D. Camp, Sr.	731	153	884
Selectman for three years	Raymond C. Gay	393	44	437
	Michael S. Mathras	414	149	563
School Committee for 3 years	Fitzh'h L. Turner Jr.	667	130	797
	Henry Evanson	1	0	1
Planning Board for 5 years	Milton R. Locke	377	39	416
	Henry Renouf	392	142	534
Planning Board for 1 year	Warren P. Barrett	453	145	598
	Gould Ketchen	327	33	360
Cemetery Commissioner, 3 yrs.	Henry Evanson	288	26	314
	Michael F. Shea	287	135	422
	William J. Chevalier	216	24	240
Assessor for 3 years	Wm. F. Kimball, Jr.	717	152	869
	Sidney Wheeler	1	0	1
Sewer Commissioner, 3 years	Milton C. Baggs	713	138	851
Tree Warden, 1 year	Edward B. Conkey	722	137	859
Constables, 1 year	Adam L. Antonovitch	488	137	625
	Ernest M. Gay	570	99	669
	Frank P. Loftus	504	138	642
	Andrew T. Sears	520	97	617
	Elwyn H. Bock	349	40	389
	Richard K. Cook	328	110	438
	Herbert E. Squires	371	96	467
	Robert G. Anderson	317	48	365
Question No. 1	Yes	394	91	485
	No	278	40	318

	PRECINCT "A"		PRECINCT "B"		TOTAL
Total vote cast	817		193		1,010
Total registered voters	Men	Women	Men	Women	
	744	743	152	148	1,787
Registered Democrats	65	51	37	41	194
Registered Republicans	194	221	14	17	446
	259	272	51	58	640

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 22, 1957

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of a public address system in Lawrence Memorial Hall, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Board of Selectmen to make a preliminary layout plan, preparatory to extending Poole Road further as a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will reconsider its action taken at the last annual town meeting on February 11, 1957, appropriating $204,625.00 for the support of the public schools for the year 1957, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town, in the event it does vote to reconsider its action at the last annual town meeting in appropriating $204,625 for the support of the public schools for the year 1957, will appropriate $213,625.00 for the support of said schools for said year, as requested by the school committee and as recommended by the finance committee, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 5. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, APR. 22, 1957

Meeting opened at 7.30 P. M.

Art. 1. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the installation of a public address system in Lawrence Memorial Hall.

Art. 2. Voted to authorize the selectmen to make a preliminary layout plan, preparatory to extending Poole Road as a public way.

Art. 3. Moved that the town reconsider its action taken at the last annual town meeting on February 11, 1957, appropriating $204,625. for the support of the public schools for the year 1957.

(Moved and carried to have a secret ballot vote. Ballots counted: negative 96, affirmative 95)

Art. 4. Tabled.

Motion to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 10.25 P. M.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AUGUST 19, 1957

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $1,800.00 for the reconstruction of Springfield Road, said appropriation to be in addition to the sum of $1,000.00 previously appropriated by the town for the same purpose under Article 23 of the warrant for the annual town meeting of the current year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $1,100.00 for the reconstruction of Rockrimmon Street, said appropriation to be in addition to the sum of $800.00 previously appropriated by the town for the same purpose under Article 24 of the warrant for the annual town meeting in the current year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $2,800.00 for the reconstruction of North Washington Street, said appropriation to be in addition to the sum of $1,500.00 previously appropriated by the town for the same purpose under Article 25 of the warrant for the annual town meeting in the current year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $9,000.00 for the maintenance and operation of the School Department, said appropriation to be in addition to the sum of $204,625.00 previously appropriated for the same purposes at the annual town meeting in the current year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING AUGUST 19, 1957

Meeting opened at 7.35 p. m.

Art. 1. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $1,800.00 for the reconstruction of Springfield

Road, said appropriation to be in addition to the sum of $1,000.00 previously appropriated by the town for the same purpose under Article 23 of the warrant for the annual town meeting of the current year.

Art. 2. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $1,100.00 for the reconstruction of Rockrimmon Street, said appropriation to be in addition to the sum of $800.00 previously appropriated by the town for the same purpose under Article 24 of the warrant for the annual town meeting in the current year.

Art. 3. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $2,800.00 for the reconstruction of North Washington Street, said appropriation to be in addition to the sum of $1,500.00 previously appropriated by the town for the same purpose under Article 25 of the warrant for the annual town meeting of the current year.

Art. 4. Voted to appropriate from available funds in the treasury the sum of $9,000.00 for the maintenance and operation of the School Department, said appropriation to be in addition to the sum of $204,625.00 previously appropriated for the same purpose at the annual town meeting in the current year.

Art. 5. Voted to adjourn at 9.12 p. m.

ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 1957

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Veterans' Aid Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Health Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the treasury a sum of money to the Police Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4 To see if the town will vote to provide for the election in 1958 of a board of health, consisting of three members, one of whom shall be elected for one year, one for two years, and one for three years, and thereafter when the term of a member expires, one member shall be elected to serve for three years.

Art. 5. To hear the report of the Planning Board, and to see if the town will adopt, reject, or amend and adopt the following proposed by-laws:

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN, MASSACHUSETTS

ZONING BY-LAW

SECTION I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this By-Law is to provide for the orderly growth of the Town of Belchertown as authorized by the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Chapter 40A and any amendments thereof.

SECTION II. DEFINITIONS

In this By-Law the following terms, unless a contrary meaning is required by the context or is specifically prescribed, shall have the following meanings.

DWELLING—any structure used for human habitation.

SECTION III. ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS

III-A. Types of Districts. For purposes of this By-Law, the Town of Belchertown is hereby divided into the following types of use districts:

1. Residental
2. Agricultural
3. Business
4. Industrial

III-B. Location of Districts. Said districts are located and bounded as shown on a map entitled "Zoning Map of Belchertown, Massachusetts", dated September 9, 1957, and on file in the office of the Town Clerk. The Zoning Map, with all explanatory matter thereon, is hereby made a part of this By-Law.

SECTION IV. USE REGULATIONS

Except as provided in Section VI.-A-1 hereof, no building or structure shall be constructed, or located and no building, structure or land, or part thereof shall be used for any purpose or in any manner other than for one or more of the uses hereinafter set forth as permitted in the district in which such building, structure or land is located, or set forth as permissible by special permit in said district and so authorized.

IV.-A. Residence Districts

1. Permitted Uses
   - a. One-family dwelling
   - b. Education or municipal use
   - c. Religious use
   - d. Renting of rooms or furnishing of board for not more than four (4) persons in a dwelling regularly occupied for residential purposes

- e. Accessory uses customarily incidental to a permitted main use on the same premises, included but not limited to the following:
  - (1) Use of a room or rooms in a dwelling for customary home occupations conducted by resident occupants, such as dressmaking, candy making or for the practice, by a resident, of a recognized profession.
  - (2) Display of a sign pertaining to a permitted use with a total area of not more than six (6) square feet.

2. Uses which may be permitted by the Board of Appeals in accordance with the regulations appearing in Section VII.-B-2 of this By-Law.
   - a. Hospital, sanitarium, convalescent home.
   - b. Private club not conducted for profit.
   - c. Conversion of a one-family dwelling existing at the time of adoption of this By-Law into a multiple family dwelling.
   - d. Use of premises or building thereon in connection with his trade by a resident carpenter, electrician, painter, plumber or other artisan, provided that no manufacturing or business requiring substantially continuous employment be carried on.
   - e. Construction of two-family dwelling.

IV-B. Agricultural Districts

1. Permitted Uses
   - a. All uses permitted in a Residence District.
   - b. Farm or Nursery, including the display and sale of farm products and the raising of stock except as limited by Section 2 below.
   - c. Accessory uses customarily incidental to a permitted main use on the same premises, including but not limited to the following:
     - (1) Logging operations, including the conversion of native logs into saleable lumber.
     - (2) Use of private lands, ponds and streams for rental or lease to individuals or organizations for purposes of hunting and fishing, including raising and/or liberation of fish and game in conjunction with this use, the above to be conducted in conformance with state and federal regulations (if any) governing and controlling such use.
2. Uses which may be permitted by the Board of Appeals in accordance with the regulations appearing in Section VII-B-2 of this By-Law.
   - a. Aviation field, golf course, boat livery, riding stable and ski tow.
   - b. Private club not conducted for profit.
   - c. Gravel, sand and stone removal. Removal of sand, gravel or stone shall be conducted in such a manner as to allow complete drainage of the final excavation. Allowable depth of excavation will be determined by the Board of Appeals based on surrounding terrain. The placing of

top soil and seed in case deemed necessary by the Board of Appeals shall be required. These restrictions shall be secured by a performance bond to the town in all cases.

d. Loam removal. In all cases where loam removal is permitted, upon completion of the removal operation, adequate top soil and seed shall be placed to produce grass cover. This restriction shall be secured by a performance bond to the town in all cases.

e. The raising of fur bearing animals and more than nine swine shall be carried out in compliance with regulations of the Board of Health, Town of Belchertown. In no case shall this activity be carried out within 500 feet of any property line.

f. Open-air movie theater.

g. Conversion of a one-family dwelling existing at the time of adoption of this By-Law into a multiple family dwelling.

IV-C. Business District

1. Permitted Uses

a. Any use permitted in a Residence District.

b. Office, bank, newspaper or job printing establishment.

c. Hotel, motel or restaurant.

d. Any wholesale or retail business, research laboratory, service of public utility not involving manufacture on the premises except of products the major portion of which is sold on the premises by the producer to the consumer.

e. Automobile service station. repair shop, storage garage or salesroom.

2. Uses which may be permitted by the Board of Appeals in accordance with the regulations appearing in Section VII-B-2 of this By-Law.

a. Place of amusement or assembly, club conducted for profit.

IV-D. Industrial District

1. Permitted uses

a. Any business use permitted in a Business District.

b. Any manufacturing or industrial use, including processing, fabrication and assembly, provided that no such use shall be permitted which would be detrimental or offensive or tend to reduce property values in the same or adjoining districts by reason of dirt, odor. fumes, smoke, gas, sewage, refuse, noise, excessive vibration or danger of explosion or fire.

2. Uses which may be permitted by the Board of Appeals in accordance with the regulations appearing in Section VII-B-2 of this By-Law.

a. Automobile dismantling or used-parts yard.

b. Junk yard.

SECTION V. INTENSITY REGULATIONS

V-A. A dwelling hereafter erected or established in any district shall be located on a lot having not less than the minimum requirements set forth in the table below, and no more than one dwelling shall be located upon any such lot. No existing lot shall be changed as to size or shape so as to result in the violation of the requirements set forth below.

	Minimum Lot Dimension		Minimum Yard Dimension		
	Area in sq. ft. (a)	Frontage in ft. (a)	Front in ft. (b)	Side in ft.	Rear in ft.
Residence	(15,000)	(100)	(25)	(10)	(30)
Agricultural	(15,000)	(100)	(25)	(10)	(30)
Business	(15,000)	(100)	(25)	(10)	(20)
Industrial	(New residential construction not permitted)				

	Max. Height of Building (c)		Max. Per Cent Coverage inc. Accessory Bldgs.	Livable 1st Floor Area sq. ft. min.
	No. Stories	ft.		
Residence	(2 1/2)	(35)	(30)	(720)
Agricultural	(2 1/2)	(35)	(30)	(720)
Business	(2 1/2)	(35)	(40)	(720)

V-B. A building or structure hereafter erected or established in a Business or Industrial District shall be located on a lot having not less than the minimum requirements set forth in the table below. No existing lot shall be changed as to size or shape so as to result in the violation of the requirements set forth below.

	Minimum Lot Dimension		Minimum Yard Dimension		
	Area in sq. ft. (a)	Frontage in ft. (a)	Front in ft. (b)	Side in ft. (d)	Rear in ft. (e)
Business	(8,000)	(50)	(15)	(10)	(20)
Industrial	(8,000)	(50)	(15)	(10)	(20)

	Max. Height of building (c) No. of Stories	Max. per cent Coverage Including Accessory Buildings
Business	(3)	(50)
Industrial	(4)	(50)

FOOTNOTES TO THE ABOVE TABLE

(a) A lot or parcel of land having an area or a frontage of lesser amounts than required by this table may be considered as coming within the area and frontage requirements of this section, provided such lot or parcel of land was shown on a plan or described in a deed duly recorded or did not at the time of such adoption adjoin other land of the same owner available for use in conjunction with such lot or parcel.

(b) To be measured from the right-of-way line where a plan of the way is on file with the Registry of Deeds or, in the absence of such a plan, from a line 25 feet from and parallel with the center line of the travelled way.

(c) The limitation on height of buildings shall not apply in any district to chimneys, ventilators, towers, spires or other ornamental features of buildings which features are in no way used for living purposes.

(d) Side yard dimension will be (50) feet when adjacent to Residence District.

(e) Rear yard dimension will be (50) feet when adjacent to Residence District.

SECTION VI. GENERAL REGULATIONS

VI-A. Non-conforming Uses

1. The lawful use of any structure or land existing at the time of the enactment or subsequent amendment of this By-Law may be continued, although such structure or use does not conform with provisions of the By-Law.
2. Alteration. A non-conforming structure may not be altered or reconstructed if the cost of such alterations exceeds (50)% of the physical value of the structure at the time of change.
3. Extension. No increase in the extent of the non-conforming use of a structure or land may be made.
4. Restoration. No non-conforming structure damaged by fire or other causes to the extent of more than (75)% of its physical value shall be repaired or rebuilt, except in conformity with the By-Law.
5. Usage Termination. A non-conforming use which has been voluntarily terminated for a period of 1 year shall not be reestablished, and any future use shall conform with this By-Law.
6. Changes. Once changed to a conforming use, no structure or land shall be permitted to revert to a non-conforming use

VI-B. Accessory Buildings

1. No accessory building or structure shall be located within the required front yard area. No accessory building shall be located in any side yard area nearer to the side lot line than (10) feet, or in a rear yard area nearer to the rear lot line than (10) feet.

VI-C. Parking Requirements. Any building hereafter constructed for business or industrial use shall be so located upon its parcel of land that there may be provided an off-street parking area equal to the floor area of the building to be constructed.

SECTION VII—ADMINISTRATION

VII-A. Enforcement. This By-Law shall be enforced by the Selectmen or a Building Inspector appointed by them. No building shall be built or structurally altered, and no use of land or a building shall be begun or changed without a permit having been issued by the Building Inspector. No building shall be occupied until a certificate of occupancy has been issued by the the Building Inspector. Any person violating any of the provisions of this By-Law may be fined not more than twenty dollars for each offense. Each day that such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

VII-B. Board of Appeals. There is hereby established a Board of Appeals of (3) members and (2) associate members to be appointed by the Selectmen, as provided in Chapter 40A of the General Laws, which shall act on all matters within its jurisdiction under this By-Law in the manner prescribed in Chapter 40A of the General Laws. The Board of Appeals shall refer its decisions to the Planning Board for recommendations at leas thirty (30) days before any public hearing. The Board of A peals shall have the following powers:

1. Appeals. To hear and decide an appeal taken by any person aggrieved by reason of his inability to obtain a permit from any adminstrative official under the provisions of Chapter 40A, General Laws, or by any officer or board of the town, or by any person aggrieved by any order or decision of the inspector of buildings or other administrative official in violation of any provision of Chapter 40A, General Laws, or of this By-Law.
2. Special Permits. To grant a special permit for an exception as provided by sections of this By-Law when it shall have found that the use involved will not be detrimental to the established or future character of the neighborhood and town and subject to appropriate conditions or safeguards if deemed necessary.
3. Variances. To authorize upon appeal, or upon petition in cases where a particular use is sought for which no permit is required, with respect to a particular parcel of land or to an existing building thereon a variance from the terms of this By-Law where, owing to conditions especially affecting such parcel or such building but not affecting generally the zoning district in which it is located, a literal enforcement of the provisions of this By-Law would involve substantial hardship to the appellant, and where desirable relief may be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without nullifying or substantially derogating from the intent or purpose of this By-Law, but not otherwise.

VII-C. Amendment. This By-Law may be amended from time to time at an annual or special town meeting in accord with the provisions of Section 6 of Chapter 40A.

VII-D. Validity. The invalidity of any section or provision of this By-Law shall not invalidate any other section or provision thereof.

Art. 6. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING NOVEMBER 18, 1957

Art. 1. Voted to appropriate from the Overlay Reserve Fund in the treasury the sum of $400.00 to the Veterans' Aid Account.

Art. 2. Voted to appropriate from the Overlay Reserve Fund in the treasury the sum of $595.00 to the Health Account.

Art. 3. Voted to appropriate from the Overlay Reserve Fund in the treasury the sum of $468.35 to the Police Account.

Art. 4. Voted to provide for the election in 1958 of a Board of Health, consisting of three (3) members, one of whom is to be elected for one (1) year, one for two (2) years, and one for three (3) years; and thereafter when the term of a member expires, one member to be elected to serve for three (3) years.

Art. 5. Voted to hear the report of the Planning Board and to adopt the proposed Zoning by-law, as printed in the warrant.

Art. 6. Voted to adjourn.

FINAL REPORT ON DRAFTING OF ZONING BY-LAW

November 19, 1957

The Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts

The Planning Board of the Town of Belchertown hereby submits the following report on activities pertaining to the drafting of a zoning by-law for consideration of the town.

It is the considered opinion of this board that the enclosed by-law provides minimum regulations which best serve the interests of the community.

This by-law was presented to interested voters at a public hearing held on September 9, 1957, after due notice had been given by means of publication for three consecutive weeks in the Belchertown Sentinel. In general, this proposed by-law met with the approval of the voters at this hearing. The following minor modifications are to instituted in the by-law, based on constructive criticism presented by interested parties at this hearing.

1. Under Section IV-A-2
   add use e. as follows: e. construction of two-family dwelling.
2. Section IV-B-1-b
   delete term "natural products raised in the town", and in its place insert "farm products".

3. Section V-A

   change "livable floor area sq. ft. min." to "livable 1st floor area sq. ft. min."

4. Section VII-B

   insert the following sentence between the last two sentences in the introductory paragraph:

   "The Board of Appeals shall refer its decisions to the Planning Board for recommendations at least thirty (30) days before any public hearing."

The trailer situation has been thoroughly investigated, as requested at the public hearing September 9, and the Board has concluded that the influx of trailers currently posing an economic threat to the community, can best be controlled by the by-law in its present form.

It is the recommendation of the Board that the by-law as modified, together with the zoning map, be presented to the voters for their consideration at the earliest possible date.

Respectfully submitted,
Planning Board, Town of Belchertown
GEORGE B. JACKSON
HENRY RENOUF
WARREN P. BARRETT
RICHARD D. N. DICKINSON
WILLIAM E. ALDRICH

A true copy attest
Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk of Belchertown

Report of Selectmen

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

The Board of Selectmen organized, following the annual town meeting, as follows: John W. Avery, chairman of the Selectmen; Charles F. Austin, chairman of the Board of Welfare; and Michael S. Mathras, chairman of the Board of Health.

Regular weekly meetings were held on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock,and also on numerous other occasions for special meetings and hearings as the need occurred.

David A. Staples was appointed by the board to the office of Civil Defense Director. He has carried on a very active program and has been particularly capable in obtaining war surplus materials at little or no cost to the town, for routine as well as emergency activities. Other appointments made represented reappointments of those who had served in various offices during the year 1956.

A recommendation of this Board last year was the establishment of a separate Board of Health. This was favorably voted at a special town meeting and will come into being in February, 1958.

The problem of office space in our rapidly growing town departments has become acute. It is our recommendation that a committee be appointed to study this problem and possibly arrive at a solution as to whether it would be better to purchase and remodel a present structure, or to construct a new building for town office purposes. At the present time nearly thirty members of various town departments function out of one room in Lawrence Memorial Hall.

The members of this Board are very pleased that the town voted to accept the zoning by-law as proposed by the Planning Board, which has been very active this year.

We are grateful to the ladies of the Garden Club, who have continued interest in maintaining the flower garden in the center of the Common at the site of the old flag pole.

HIGHWAY PROGRAMS

Chapter 90—This program was carried out under the supervision of Edwin F. Shumway, and represented a two-year project. The 1956 portion of the program has been fully completed, and the 1957 portion has been completed with the exception of about two weeks' work, which will be finished as soon as weather permits. The work included further surfacing of Route 21, Chauncey D. Walker St. The surfacing consisted of two applications of bituminous concrete, which has resulted in a superior type highway in keeping with the policy of Chapter 90 Construction in this town in previous years. The Chapter 90 program for 1958 will consist of further reconstruction of Route 21, towards the center of town.

Chapter 81—This program continues under the direction of Joseph Kulig, Superintendent of Streets. Mr. Kulig met regularly with the Board regarding the program. Much routine work has been accomplished, for the most part unhampered by severe winter conditions, and it has been possible to spend more money on drainage and brush cutting than has been possible in several years.

Work has been accomplished on Shea Avenue, George Hannum Road, and Sabin Street out of specific funds provided for at the annual town meeting. It is our opinion that permanent projects continue to be voted at annual meetings, rather than be taken out of the regular 81 program funds. Taking funds for permanent work from Chapter 81 funds would limit the maintainance program, which is the primary function of the Chapter 81 program.

Chapter 718—Acts of 1956—At the annual town meeting it was voted to reconstruct sections of Rockrimmon Road, Old Springfield Road, and North Washington Street. These projects, which have been in progress out of the regular Chapter 81 Program funds, were recommended to the voters inasmuch as Chapter 718 funds may be used only for such programs as can be completed within the limits of the appropriation, and were the only ones in the Chapter 81 Program near enough to completion to meet this requirement. These three streets will be completed in the Spring of 1958. Chapter 718 funds do not affect the local tax rate. Application is made to the State before the work commences, and a check is received from the Commonwealth before any of the funds are used.

We do not recommend the expenditure of the remaining approximately $9,000.00 in this program this year. We would prefer to wait until 1959, at which time we would study Chapter 81 projects and determine which of these was near enough to completion to be fully accomplished with 718 funds.

Mr. Kulig supervised Chapter 718 work, with the assistance of a representative from the State Department of Public Works.

The Board of Selectmen attended all out of town meetings necessary to represent the interest of the town.

The Board again wishes to express gratitude for the cooperation rendered by town officials, department heads, and the public in general.

JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of the Board of Health

During the past year the Board of Health has been unusually active in all phases of our Health program. This Board has put into effective operation a periodic inspection program for all common victuallers, stores and piggeries. At the request of this Board, our Police Department made a survey of all trailers in town, and all trailers reported have been issued permits, which are renewable yearly if health requirements are complied with.

The Polio Vaccine program for children was ably carried out by Doctors James and Kenneth Collard and Mrs. Tirzah Juskalian, R. N., who in conjunction with the School Health program, administered Polio shots to 935 children.

During the latter part of the year when the Asian Flu epidemic was at its height, the Board was able to obtain enough vaccine to provide shots for all teachers, firemen, police and all other town employees who wished to avail themselves of this service. This Asian Flu Clinic was conducted for and at the convenience of the individuals by the Board of Health physician, Dr. Kenneth L. Collard. Approximately 70 shots were administered, with enough vaccine left to provide second shots if they prove necessary.

Several hearings on Board of Health violations were conducted during the year, and with one exception, were settled to the mutual satisfaction of all parties concerned.

Following is the annual report of Max Garber, our Sanitation Advisor:

Board of Health
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

The following is my 1957 annual report:

With the adoption of the pasteurization regulation this year, along with other regulations in effect, the Board of Health has now a complete and comprehensive set of rules and regulations pertaining to the protection of the public health.

The success of the public health program for the past year should be measured not in terms of how many violations and prosecutions have resulted because of the regulations, but rather how much progress has been made in a cooperative spirit, as a result of having a complete set of regulations.

The residents and business men in the town have been most cooperative in the public health program.

Nuisance complaints which were received were taken care of to the satisfaction of all parties concerned.

One itinerant refreshment stand was not allowed to operate during Fair Day. It was found, upon inspection, that wormy, bruised apples were being candy-coated to be sold as "Taffy Apples."

It is interesting to note that refreshment stands which had been in Belchertown during past Fair Days were all in compliance with the local health regulations. If the operators of the "Taffy Apple" concession decide to operate in Belchertown during the 1958 Fair Day, they no doubt know now that the Board of Health will not tolerate any sale of food that is unfit for human consumption.

After close examination and a review of the technique used, it was determined by Dr. Kenneth Collard and your Agent that a tattooing artist should not be allowed to operate during Fair Day. There was only the crudest attempt at aseptic technique, together with a lack of knowledge on the part of the tattooer.

Forty-one food, drink and confectioners' stands were inspected during Fair Day. Two games of chance offering parakeets as prizes were inspected to determine by bill of sale that the parakeets were not "bootlegged" into this country. Cases of psitticosis have been reported from other areas as a result of persons buying the "bootlegged" parakeets.

Frequent inspections have been made during the year of all the restaurants and markets in town.

Fifty-eight septic tank applications were reviewed.

It is with a feeling of deep satisfaction that I submit this annual report. The public health progress and the interest manifested by the townspeople in the program would be difficult to match in any community of this size.

Respectfully submitted,
MAX GARBER, *Agent*

REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

The following diseases were reported to this Board during 1957:

German Measles	53
Mumps	108
Measles	24
Chicken Pox	4
Scarlet Fever	6
Tuberculosis	4
Whooping Cough	3
Infectious Hepatitis	3
Meningitis	1
Lobar Pneumonia	1
Dog bite	16

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
Board of Health

Max Garber, Sanitation Advisor
Kenneth L. Collard, M. D., Physician
Mrs. Doris Squires, Report Clerk

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District Report

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Granby Board of Public Welfare
Gentlemen:

We are pleased to submit herewith the sixth report of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District covering the administration of Old Age Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children, Disability Assistance and General Relief. The district operates on the basis of 62.5% of the cost for Belchertown, and 37.5% for Granby, and reimbursements and expenses are figured accordingly.

During the year 96 cases were handled, 333 visits and reinvestigations were made, and the total expenditure in grants was $79,826.43. The actual cost to the district for the performance of these services was $40.52 a week ($25.32 cost to Belchertown a week: $15.20 cost to Granby a week).

At the close of the year the cash balance in the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District was $2,259.65 ($1,419.74 Belchertown; $839.91 Granby). The net operating cost during the year was $2,107.11 ($1,316.94 Belchertown; $790.17 Granby).

Operating Cost

Salaries	$6,579.97
Travel	294.00
Postage	122.54
Office Supplies	77.70
Telephone	202.95
Office Maintenance	33.30
Equipment Purchases	96.21
Office Rent	720.00
Insurance	48.25

Legal	25.00	
Hampshire County Retirement Assessment	345.58	
Treasurer's Bond	15.00	
Appraisals	5.00	
Miscellaneous	46.57	
Total Operating Cost		$8,612.07
Less Federal and State Reimbursements		6,504.96
Net Operating Cost		$2,107.11

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
E. THORNTON CLARK
District Welfare Committee

Lena N. Wilson, *Agent*

Report of Welfare District Treasurer

BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY WELFARE DISTRICT

Dr.		
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1957	$1,691.57	
Receipts:		
Federal	3,750.46	
State	2,754.50	
Town of Belchertown	1,675.00	
Town of Granby	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous	1,227.71	
		$12,099.24
Cr.		
Warrants of District Commissioners	$9,839.59	
Cash balance December 31, 1957	2,259.65	
		$12,099.24

Respectfully,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,
District Treasurer

Report of Welfare District Agent

Board of Public Welfare
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

The report on the services performed by the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District for the Town of Belchertown in administering the various categories of welfare during the year follows.

Old Age Assistance cases increased from 47 to 48, Disability Assistance cases remained at 4, 1 Aid to Dependent Children case was opened, aided and closed during the year and 3 cases received aid under General Relief. During the year 69 cases were handled in all the categories, 255 visits and reinvestigations made, and the expenditure in grants was $57,604.40. Collections totalled $7,374.95 and the Town now holds 20 Old Age Assistance liens. The cost to Belchertown for its share of the operating cost of the District was $1,316.94, or $25.32 a week.

The financial report for the various categories of assistance and the administration thereof follows:

	Expenditures	Reimbursements	Net Cost
Old Age Assistance	$54,707.48	$46,132.85	$8,574.63
Aid to Dependent Children	301.85	149.00	152.85
Disability Assistance	2,365.18	1,971.68	393.50
General Relief	229.89		229.89
Board Salaries	425.00	29.97	395.03
	$58,029.40	$48,283.50	$9,745.90
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District 62.5% net operating cost for 1957			1,316.94
Total net cost for all categories of welfare and the administration thereof for 1957			$11,062.84

The recipients experienced a 5.7% cost of living increase on September 1st, and also an increase in their fuel allowance. The advanced age and failing health of many of the recipients resulted in an increase in the expenditures for those cases, due to hospitalization and nursing home care in both private and licensed nursing homes. The State Medical Care Plan was revised in order that the State might qualify for benefits from the Federal Government. The increased administrative work involved in making this change necessarily curtailed social work to the semi-annual visits required by law, and to emergencies as they occurred.

The excellent cooperation this District has received from your Board, the various Town officials and the Police Department in providing ambulance service has facilitated our work and is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
LENA N. WILSON
Welfare District Agent

Report of Assessors

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal estate and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal government, and other cities and towns.
3. Receipts of departments and available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and fines.
5. Miscellaneous other sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$452,017.18
Other expenses for the year:		
State parks and reservations	$1,057.84	
State audit	409.57	
County tax	13,668.96	
Underestimates 1956 (cherry sheet)	447.83	
Overlay of current year	8,510.66	24,094.86
Gross amount to be raised		$476,112.04
Expected revenue from the Commonwealth	181,827.51	
Available funds	87,458.25	269,285.76
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as		$206,826.28
Total valuation:		
Personal proptrty	311,460.00	

Land		521,055.00	
Buildings		1,497,670.00	
Total valuation		———	2,330,185.00
Tax levy at $88.00			
Personal property		27,408.48	
Real estate		177,647.80	
Polls (885)		1,770.00	
Total levy		———	$206,826.28
Added assessments:			
Real estate	950.00	83.60	
Farm animal excise	2,500.00	37.50	
7 Polls		14.00	

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR., ***Chmn.***
WILLIAM E. ALDRICH
GEORGE E. BOOTH
Board of Assessors

Report of Collector

1957 Real Estate Taxes		
Assessors' Commitments		$178,074.60
Refunds		439.10
		$178,513.70
Collected	$155,218.86	
Abated	3,326.40	
Tax Titles, Subsequent	514.80	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1957	19,453.64	
	$178,513.70	
1957 Personal Property Taxes		
Assessors' Commitments		$27,408.48
Refunds		17.60
		$27,426.08
Collected	$24,044.68	
Abated	440.00	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1957	2,941.40	
	$27,426.08	
1957 Farm Animal Excise		
Assessors' Commitments		795.88
Collected	700.50	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1957	95.38	
	$795.88	

1957 Poll Taxes		
Assessors' Commitments		$1,860.00
Refunds		4.00
Paid after abatement		2.00
		$1,866.00
Collected	$1,762.00	
Abated	88.00	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1957	16.00	
	$1,866.00	
1957 Motor Vehicle Excise		
Assessors' Commitments		38,623.98
Refunds		1,697.50
		$40,321.48
Collected	$31,900.62	
Abated	3,119.24	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1957	5,301.62	
	$40,321.48	
1957 Sewer Charges		
Sewer Commissioners' Commitments		4,265.00
Collected	3,895.00	
Abated	70.00	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1957	300.00	
	$4,265.00	
1957 Water Liens		
Commitments		$142.72
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1957	142.72	
1956 Real Estate Taxes		
Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1957		$18,042.42

Refunds		75.60
		$18,118.02
Collected	$16,582.34	
Abated	268.38	
Tax Titles	478.80	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1957	788.50	
	$18,118.02	

1956 Personal Property Taxes

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1957		$5,905.56
Collected	4,485.98	
Abated	420.00	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1957	999.58	
	$5,905.56	

1956 Poll Taxes

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1957		$16.00
Paid after abatement		2.00
		$18.00
Collected	$10.00	
Abated	6.00	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1957	2.00	
	$18.00	

1956 Motor Vehicle Excise

Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1957		$4,972.23
Commitments, additional		2,853.62
Refunds		360.26
Refund (overpayment)		8.17
Paid after abatement		15.88
		$8,210.16

Collected	$7,274.21	
Abated	900.56	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1957	35.39	
	$8,210.16	
1956 Sewer Charges		
Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1957		$175.00
Collected	90.00	
Abated	25.00	
Outstanding, Dec. 31, 1957	60.00	
	$175.00	
1956 Water Liens		
Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1957		$50.00
Collected	$50.00	
1955 Real Estate Taxes		
Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1957		$8.40
Abated	$1.40	
Tax Title	7.00	
	$8.40	
1955 Personal Property Taxes		
Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1957		$40.10
Collected	$40.10	

Outstanding Totals, Dec. 31, 1957

Real Estate Taxes	$20,242.14
Personal Property Taxes	3,940.98
Poll Taxes	18.00
Motor Vehicle Excises	5,337.01
Farm Animal Excises	95.38
	$29,633.51
Sewer Charges	360.00

Water Liens	142.72
Interest and Fees collected during 1957	
1955, 1956 and 1957 Interest collected and paid to Town Treasurer	$480.70
1955, 1956 and 1957 Fees (demands and warrants) collected and paid to Treasurer	334.45

Respectfully,

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.

Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

Report of Treasurer

Dr.

Cash in Treasury, January 1, 1957	$147,985.47
Cash receipts, January 1, 1957 to Dec. 31, 1957	573,470.77
	$721,456.24

Cr.

Warrants of Selectmen and Town Accountant	$599,656.39
Cash in Treasury, December 31, 1957	121,799.85
	$721,456.24

Trust Funds—December 31, 1957

George D. Longley School Music Fund	$2,970.58
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	8,332.92
Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	509.15
Whiting Street Fund	10,358.56
Willard A. Stebbins Fund	1,405.29
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,287.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	29,206.74
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,059.15

Other Funds

War Memorial Fund	$4,916.50
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	6,177.57

The Town Treasurer borrowed during the year 1957, to meet the current obligations as follows:

Tax Anticipation Note, Aug. 1, 1957 to Dec. 1, 1957	$40,000.00
2.11% Discount on note	246.11
Income from investments of town funds by the Treasurer	953.71

Respectfully,

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Treasurer

Report of Tree Warden

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

During the year many dead and diseased trees were removed, and dead wood and dangerous branches were trimmed from many otherwise healthy trees. The elms were sprayed twice with DDT by mist blower. Some general trimming was done, but considerable more of this work must be done in the near future—cutting branches and brush to provide adequate clearance and vision for cars and trucks.

The Dutch Elm disease continues to take its toll, in spite of increased spraying and stricter elm sanitation work.

At this time I want to express my sincere thanks to all the town officers and personnel, also to the townspeople whom I have had the privilege of serving as Tree Warden the past ten years, for their support and splendid cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,
EDWARD B. CONKEY,
Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

Report of Planning Board

During the year 1957 substantial progress in the formation of adequate legislation relative to the progress and future growth of Belchertown has been achieved.

Efforts of the Planning Board were focused on subdivision control regulations early in 1957. Upon the completion of these regulations and their legal establishment in February, emphasis was placed on the drafting of a Zoning By-Law. A by-law designed to meet the needs of Belchertown was presented to the public at a hearing on September 9. The Zoning By-Law was revised in accordance with the wishes of the town as indicated at the hearing, and the revised form was passed by a special town meeting on November 18.

Belchertown was represented at both regional and state planning board activities during the year.

The Planning Board is currently studying the feasibility of a basic building code for the town. Other future activities include the preparation of an accurate "base map" of Belchertown.

The Planning Board has attempted to design all regulations to mirror the wishes of the people of the town. As in the past, all questions, comments or problems will be welcomed by members of the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. JACKSON
HENRY RENOUF
RICHARD DICKINSON
WILLIAM E. ALDRICH
WARREN BARRETT

Report of Belchertown-Granby Regional School Planning Board

The Belchertown-Granby Regional School Planning Board has met regularly to further our work on the agreement which has been approved by the School Building Assistance Commission, the State Department of Education, and the Emergency Finance Board, and will be published in the brochure.

Presently we are working on the brochure. Each town committee is preparing a report which will be printed in the same. The recent changes in construction costs and increase in operational expenses, plus an explanation of the impact of the regional program on the tax rate, will be fully given.

The committee is most desirous of having both towns hold a special town meeting for action on the committee's report on the same night, the date of which we hope will be in March, 1958. Increased building activities, plus known school population, indicates both towns' need for additional school facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

ISAAC A. HODGEN, Chairman
FITZHUGH L. TURNER, Secretary
CLIFTON WITT
For Belchertown

HERBERT R. DURANT, Chairman
MARGARET W. DICKINSON, Sec'y
NICHOLAS C. WHITE
For Granby

Report of Sewer Commissioners

During the year 1957 nine new service connections were made, making a total of 204 connections.

The barn in the rear of the Old Town Hall has been repaired and painted, and a cement floor and windows installed, and is now being used as a shop and storage for the Sewer and Water Departments.

A Power Unit has been purchased for use with the Sewer cleaning rods, which now makes a complete and efficient cleaning equipment.

Leaks which have developed in manholes the past year have been repaired.

MILTON C. BAGGS
D. DONALD HAZEN
Board of Sewer Commissioners

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested and sealed January 1, 1957—December 31, 1957:

Platform Scales, 10,000 lbs. and over	2
Scales and Balances, 100 lbs. and over	12
Scales and Balances, under 100 lbs.	24
Gasoline Pumps	19
Oil Pumps	1
Farm Milk Tanks	3

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $60.35.

RAYMOND C. GAY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Chief of Police

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department of the town of Belchertown for 1957:

Assault and battery	3
Breaking and entering and larceny	2
Drunkenness	7
Fish and game laws	9
Hunting too close to dwellings	2
Malicious injury to Real property	1
Fugitive from justice	2
Lord's Day violation	2
Vagrancy	1
Open and gross lewdness	1
Incest	1
Fornication	1
Statutory rape	3
Driving under the influence	2
Violation of auto laws	34
Total	71

Our police ambulance has made 50 trips to different hospitals in our vicinity, covering a total of 1,650 miles for the year. I wish to thank all those who have assisted with this service.

Our department has answered numerous home complaints, also received and delivered emergency messages to people having no telephones. We have covered 92 accidents and have served 62 summonses for other Departments.

The Special Police have put in 1,538 hours with no pay. I wish to thank these and all officers and townspeople who have cooperated with this Department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST M. GAY,
Chief of Police

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

The Fire Department answered 62 calls in 1957:

10 Building Fires
42 Forest Fires
2 Car Fires

The estimated damage to building and contents was $6,125.00.

The personnel of the Department have been very faithful in the performance of their duties, many times going beyond their regular call of duty to make it possible to keep our fires small in this, one of the worst years in the Department's history.

The apparatus and equipment have been kept in the best possible condition, but I must recommend that the forest fire truck be replaced. This was recommended by a town committee appointed to investigate public safety, and should receive immediate consideration.

I wish to thank the Police Department for their cooperation, and also the residents of Belchertown for their observance of fire laws, which makes Fire Prevention possible.

Respectfully submitted,
JOSEPH J. KEMPKES,
Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Report of Civil Defense Director

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

The Civil Defense Program is a program requiring almost infinite patience and determination. It is evident that the Belchertown Civil Defense Organization has had these qualities in the past, and has displayed them again this year by forging ahead, so that Belchertown may be better prepared to meet any emergency.

Our new Radiological Unit, headed by Arlan Skinner, has been equipped with the necessary equipment for Radiological survey.

A complete First Aid Station, which is stored in the Library and is ready for immediate use, has been received by our Medical Department, at no cost to the town, through the State Civil Defense Agency.

Under the Matching Funds Program we have received another radio set for the Police Department and have applied for more Communications equipment to complete our Emergency Communications Network.

The Control Center, planned and started by William Squires, Jr., has been completed, except for finishing touches, and is ready for operation.

The most essential thing to the Civil Defense Program is the support and backing of the entire community. So once again I wish to solicit the support of the townspeople in this worthwhile project.

To all those persons giving freely of their time and efforts to Civil Defense, I wish to give my deepest thanks and appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,
DAVID A. STAPLES
Civil Defense Director

Report of Dog Officer

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Dog Officer for the Town of Belchertown:

I collected taxes on 41 dogs:

23 Males	$46.00
11 Spayed	22.00
6 Females	30.00
1 Kennel	10.00
	$108.00

Remitted same to town clerk. Picked up 41 dogs and destroyed the same. Picked up 7 dogs hit by cars. Made 18 calls to homes for investigations.

Respectfully submitted,
WALLACE CHEVALIER,
Dog Officer

Report of Summer Recreation Committee

The Summer Recreation Program for 1957 was concentrated on a series of swimming lessons conducted at Lake Arcadia. The instructor was Miss Deborah Morse of Northampton, a qualified Red Cross instructor. She was assisted throughout the program by her sister, Miss Susan Morse.

The swimming lessons were enthusiastically received again this season, with over 100 children participating. It is our recommendation that such a program be continued in future seasons, as the ability to swim is a great asset to any child.

The Belchertown Young Adult Association undertook a project of improving town land at Lake Arcadia this year. Together with the assistance and encouragement of individuals and local organizations, the young people have done much to improve the area. A bulldozer, owned by the Belchertown Salvage Company and loaned at no charge to the working group, made much of the improvement work possible. The committee acknowledges with gratitude the generosity of Mr. Walter Tolpa, Jr. in making this equipment available.

There was no organized program at Parsons Field this summer, due to a lack of interest. However, Mr. Edmund Blaine has devoted a great deal of time to the formation and training of a Pee Wee League baseball team. Mr. Blaine received the encouragement of local organizations in this endeavor. However, we feel that the town should assist him more in 1958 than we were able to do this year. We are also indebted to Mr. Tolpa for donating loam, Mr. Ed Schmidt for the use of his equipment, and to Ike Hodgen for operating this equipment in the improvement of the diamonds at Parsons Field.

WILLARD H. YOUNG, SR.
WALTER P. PIPER
JOHN W. AVERY

Report of Town Clerk

(FINANCIAL)

	No. issued	Gross receipts
Certified copies births, deaths, marriages issued	122	$103.50
Marriage licenses issued	34	68.00
Mortgages, discharges and releases recorded	177	468.00
Storage of Fuel and Explosives' registrations	38	19.00
Pole location and relocation orders recorded	27	135.00
Business registrations recorded	8	8.00
Registration of O. D.	1	1.00
Dog licenses, all classes issued	559	1,464.00
Hunting, Fishing Licenses, all classes	610	2,104.00
	1,576	$4,370.50
Total cash receipts of Town Clerk		$4,370.50

Sporting license receipts paid to Commonwealth of Massachusetts	$1,962.50
Sporting license fees paid to Town Treasurer	141.50
Dog license receipts paid to County of Hampshire	1,339.45
Dog license fees paid to Town Treasurer	124.55
Other fees received and paid to Town Treasurer	802.50
	$4,370.50

Respectfully,

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,

Town Clerk

Statistical Report of Town Clerk

1956 BIRTHS RECEIVED FOR RECORD IN 1957

Date	Name	Father	Mother	Date of Record
11 21 56	James Patrick Joyal	Charles B. Joyal	Evangeline McGuire	1 7 57
11 24 56	Antoine Charles Bronner	Lawrence Bronner	Marilyn Fleurent	1 7 57
11 25 56	Susanne Lillian Smith	George A. Smith	Madeline R. Sears	1 7 57
12 9 56	Joel Walter Slupnicki	Walter S. Slupnicki	Statia E. Romaniak	1 7 57
12 14 56	David Harold Boudreau	Joseph N. Boudreau	Florence Y. Carriveau	1 26 57
12 21 56	Lynn Alyson Phaneuf	Roger L. Phaneuf	Jeanette B. Rhodes	1 26 57
12 21 56	Joanne Marie Leduc	Jean P. Leduc	Jocelyne Brodeur	1 26 57
12 29 56	Steven Robert Heck	Roy E. Heck	Margaret C. Adams	1 26 57

1957 BIRTHS RECEIVED FOR RECORD IN 1957

Date	Name	Father	Mother	Date of Record
1 1 57	Darlene Mary Nadeau	Joseph P. Nadeau	Teresa C. Martin	1 26 57
1 2 57	Deborah Lynn Minkley	Herman R. Minkley	Geraldine M. McAuley	1 26 57
1 9 57	Matthew Grant Olson	William E. Olson	Elizabeth Donaldson	2 18 57
1 31 57	Jolayne Roddelle McCoy	George F. McCoy	Jacquelyn M. Decke	2 18 57
1 31 57	Karen Lorraine Mealey	Robert H. Mealey	Lorraine M. Lavoie	2 27 57
2 21 57	Stephen Paul Ryan	Paul M. Ryan	Judith A. Foley	3 1 57
1 26 57	John Michael Mitrowski	John F. Mitrowski, Jr.	Dorothy M. Hatt	3 15 57
2 22 57	Patricia Ann Corbett	Robert D. Corbett	Jacqueline Jacobs	3 15 57
4 8 57	Ralph Jay Lucia	Bruce D. Lucia	Marion E. Booth	5 2 57
4 2 57	Linda Mae Cote	Norman W. Cote	Lillian M. Pencius	5 14 57
4 22 57	Kathleen Marie Loftus	Francis P. Loftus	Bertha M. Wilder	5 14 57
4 25 57	Jeanette Carol Lindsey	Russell Duane Lindsey	Kay V. Olsen	5 14 57

Date	Name	Father	Mother	Date of Record
5 26 57	Sheryl Kay Levine	Lawrence J. Levine	Carole M. Hunady	6 10 57
4 17 57	David Andrews Campbell	Leslie A. Campbell	Lorraine Millier	6 13 57
5 19 57	Arthur Joseph Gagne	Arthur J. Gagne	Christine Fall	6 13 57
5 22 57	Cheryl Lee Fitzgerald	Frederick D. Fitzgerald	Vivian J. Brown	6 13 57
4 21 57	Patricia Ann Terwilliger	Edwin Terwilliger	Margaret Scarfe	6 18 57
3 29 57	Lynn Marie Hansen	Malcolm C. Hansen	JoAnn E. Holman	6 21 57
5 25 57	Robert Bertrand Lachance	Lionel G. Lachance	Laura A. Dostie	6 27 57
5 25 57	Roger Irene Lachance	Lionel G. Lachance	Laura A. Dostie	6 27 57
4 20 57	Linda Jean Okula	Carl V. Okula	Jean Kos	7 2 57
6 7 57	John Robert Bleakley	Ernest E. Bleakley	Marjorie S. Green	7 10 57
6 18 57	Donna Ann Celona	Nunziato J. Celona	Anna T. Geslock	7 10 57
6 25 57	Jonathan Peter Geer	Donald E. Geer	Priscilla Vaughan	7 10 57
6 18 57	Glenn Donald Weston	W. Donald Weston	Barbara C. Markey	7 15 57
6 19 57	Larry Kent Hutchinson	Gerald R. Hutchinson	Anita L. Blake	7 15 57
6 30 57	Michael Allen Savard	Leon E. Savard	Constance M. Bodah	7 15 57
3 2 57	Frederick Richard Stockton	Frederick D. Stockton	Doris G. Skillman	7 19 57
3 4 57	Scott Andrew Judkins	Howard W. Judkins	Mary L. Bush	7 19 57
4 3 57	Michael William Potter	Elmer M. Potter	Barbara J. Chase	7 27 57
4 12 57	Polly Elizabeth Turner	Fitzhugh L. Turner	Marguerite Moberg	7 29 57
4 19 57	James Robert Collard	Kenneth L. Collard	Rachel E. Fuller	7 29 57
6 26 57	Donna Agnes Marie Slate	Kenneth S. Slate	Gloria A. Martin	7 31 57
5 12 57	Andrea Shelley Dorey	Malcolm E. Dorey	Shirley Hazen	8 2 57
5 29 57	Richard Thomas Peloquin	Richard Leo Peloquin	Margaret J. Morrissette	8 2 57
4 7 57	Linda Ann Horr	James N. Horr	Mary E. Schlagenhaft	8 9 57
4 7 57	Gail Catherine Broto	Victor G. Broto	Ann Cloutier	8 9 57
4 9 57	Paul Robert Vanasse	Robert N. Vanasse	Mary T. Shaharian	8 9 57

Date	Name	Father	Mother	Date of Record
4 8	Marianne Catherine Bodzinski	Edward J. Bodzinski	Mary T. Fydenkevez	8 9 57
7 23 57	Sandi Lee Morey	Howard C. Morey	Bernice M. Rivers	8 15 57
6 11 57	Cynthia Mae Morey	Donald L. Morey	Ann Howes	8 26 57
7 15 57	Daniel Joseph Guyer	William J. Guyer	Anita Daviau	7 15 57
5 7 57	Claudia Rae Phaneuf	Raymond F. Phaneuf	Mavis L. Slettebo	9 9 57
5 8 “	Mark Anthony McCullough	William A. McCullough	Jennie M. Salle	9 9 57
6 27 57	Rae Ann Lamson	Edward C. Lamson	Eunice M. Yarter	9 9 57
6 27 57	Kay Nan Lamson	Edward C. Lamson	Eunice M. Yarter	9 9 57
8 18 57	Jan Marie Varga	Paul V. Varga	Joanne Merrill	9 13 57
9 2 57	Paul Edward Adams	Stewart E. Adams	Theresa M. Legere	9 13 57
9 4 57	Gerald Alan Dodge	John V. Dodge	Joan Mundell	9 13 57
9 28 57	Karen Patricia Clark	Clifford Clark	Marie Cy Basara	10 7 57
9 10 57	Patricia Mary Vlasak	Stephen Thomas Vlasak	Ruth Ann Long	10 9 57
9 4 57	Nancy Ann Cook	Richard Qenneth Cook, Sr.	Joan Catherine Kernicki	10 10 57
9 13 57	Heidi Ann Kimball	William Franklin Kimball, Jr.	Edna June Lois Germain	10 10 57
9 23 57	Laura Jean Squires	Roland Ellison Squires	Anna Louise Krawiec	10 10 57
8 12 57	Cathie Ann Miron	Lionel Miron	Geraldine Duval	10 19 57
8 27 57	David Anthony Ferenz	William Ferenz	Rose Nyszuk	10 19 57
8 23 57	Brian Lloyd Smith	Robert Alwood Smith	Lois Ann Chadbourne	10 24 57
9 1 57	Patricia Alice Cole	Richard Irving Cole, Jr.	Mildred Elizabeth Wilson	10 24 57
9 4 57	David Charles Tetrault	Hector Francis Tetrault	Edna Ann Mattoon	10 24 57
10 9 57	Kathleen Jean Fleurent	Norman E. Fleurent	Pauline J. Hartling	11 13 57
10 16 57	Gay Ann Marie Bronner	Lawrence J. Bronner	Marilyn F. Fleurent	11 13 57
10 25 57	Kenneth George Carpenter	George Lorrin Carpenter	Dorothy Mae Lapine	11 13 57
7 3 57	Beverly Jo Rhodes	Stanley Fisher Rhodes, Jr.	Iona JoAnn Laviolette	11 26 57
8 29 57	Karen Zglobicki	Michael John Zglobicki	Emily Bernice Cupryna	11 26 57

Date	Name	Father	Mother	Date of Record
10 13 57	Debbie Ann Gay	James Russell Gay	Joan Anne Slate	11 26 57
11 4 57	Margaret Ann Lebida	Albert Francis Lebida	Jennie Josephine Sawicki	11 26 57
9 18 57	Chartier	Albert Chartier	Rose M. St. Pierre	11 27 57
9 27 57	Kim Ann Hachey	Armand C. Hachey	Catherine A. Broadbent	11 27 57
11 26 57	Lucy May Touponce		Helen Celina Touponce	11 29 57
10 16 57	Gregory Coache	Henry Coache	Bernice Belisle	12 6 57
11 5 57	Irene Michelle Cole	Cameron J. Cole	Cecile Irene Norman	12 13 57
11 2 57	Marc Alan Riviere	George L. Riviere	Yvonne Rival	12 31 57

1956 MARRIAGES RECEIVED FOR RECORD IN 1957

Date	Place	Groom	Bride	Date of Record
9 9 56	Belchertown	Richard Leo Peloquin	Margaret Joan Morrissette	1 4 57
12 9 56	Belchertown	Roy Henry King, Jr.	Phyllis Ann Clark	1 4 57

1957 MARRIAGES RECORDED IN 1957

Date	Place	Groom	Bride	Date of Record
1 19 57	Belchertown	Fernando Pierre Forest, Jr.	Elizabeth Ann Davis	1 26 57
1 26 57	Easthampton	Philip Clement Couchon	Charlotte Ann Hubler Markle	1 29 “
1 26 57	Belchertown	Frederick Edward Panzer, Jr.	Susan Squires	2 1 57
2 14 57	South Hadley	Donald Charles Boileau	Moella Elaine St. Sauveur	2 18 57
2 14 57	Belchertown	Howard Jay Reed	Grace Evelyn Dodge White	2 18 57
2 22 57	Palmer	Charles Michael Pelczarski, Jr.	Ann Marie Austin	2 27 57
3 16 57	Ware	Rodney Allen Cole	Sheila Mae Marchessault	3 18 57
3 23 57	Belchertown	David Alan Cowher	Carolyn Louise Bullough	3 26 57
5 4 57	Belchertown	David Ross Dole	Blanchette Eunice Eaton	5 6 57
5 10 57	West Springfield	Conrad Richard Kirby	Leona Frances Halle	5 14 57
6 7 57	Belchertown	Charles Myron Bush	Barbara Helen Ely	6 10 57

Date	Place	Groom	Bride	Date of Record
6 15 57	Belchertown	Robert James Donovan	Anna Elizabeth Antonovitch	6 25 57
6 23 57	Belchertown	Raymond Wesleigh Jenks	Leila Margaret Fay	6 25 57
6 29 57	Palmer	Theodore George Slaiby	Margaret Elizabeth Sullivan	7 2 57
6 29 57	Palmer	George Wilson Brown	Donna Lea Leavitt	7 2 57
6 21 57	Keene, N. H.	Howard Earl Walker	Carol Barbara Squires	7 2 57
7 13 57	So. Hadley Falls	Donald E. Robinson	Theresa Brouillard Talley	7 15 57
7 13 57	Belchertown	David Joseph Bodin	Jane Adeline Hudson	7 19 57
7 22 57	Chicopee	Stanley Kokoski	Valerie Skorupski	7 27 57
7 27 57	Palmer	Richard Albert Mercure	Carolyn Alice McColom	7 31 57
8 3 57	Springfield	Robert Albert Santucci	Millien Leora Thomas	8 8 57
8 7 57	Springfield	Edward L. Kowalczik	Alice J. Skorupski	8 15 57
8 25 57	Chesterfield	Chester Franklin Brown	Barbara A. Stanton	8 27 57
8 24 57	Belchertown	Ludwig Richard Praplaski	Mary Catherine Kulig	9 9 57
9 7 57	Belchertown	John S. Mastalerz	Cecelia C. Jasak	9 10 57
9 14 57	Belchertown	Robert Thompson Ansaldo	Sandra Lee Rhodes	9 16 57
9 20 57	Brattleboro, Vt.	Charles E. Arrison	Karen Louise Rhodes	10 11 57
10 19 57	Belchertown	Joseph Rockwell Chadbourne	Patricia JoAnn Gawlik	10 23 57
10 19 57	Hampden	Edward Arthur Henrichon, Jr.	Harriot Sara (Pease) Hatch	10 23 "
10 26 57	Holyoke	Henry Mykytiuk	Theresa Ann McKenna	10 28 57
10 26 57	Belchertown	Robert Rollon Mason	Marion Helen Cook	10 31 57
11 2 57	Northampton	David George Hodgen	Rosemary Scialla	11 4 57
11 2 57	Pelham	Raymond Earl Baker	Lois Mae Rhodes	11 7 57
11 24 57	Ludlow	Harry Dexter Carbonneau	Ruth (Barrows) Carbonneau	12 3 "
11 2 57	Brattleboro, Vt.	Robert D. Tiernan	Patricia J. Carley	12 9 57
11 23 57	Belchertown	John Peter Ferioli	Enes Esta (Ferioli) Vergnani	12 18 "
12 14 57	Belchertown	Michael Edward Napolitan	Carolyn Mary Codraro	12 18 57
12 29 57	Belchertown	Dale Hastings	Bettie Gaynell Black	12 31 57

DEATHS RECORDED IN 1957

Date of Death	Name	Residence	Age yr. mo. day	Place of Death	Place of Burial	Date Record
2 2 57	John Klima	Belchertown	70 7 28	Belchertown	Arlington, Va.	1 4 57
2 5 57	Agnes Pedro	Tewksbury	68 6 30	Belchertown	Belchertown	1 26 57
1 24 57	Barbara Bastian	Ayer	6 5 18	Belchertown	Ayer	1 26 57
1 25 57	Agnes Peters	Shelburne	57 8 12	Belchertown	Shelburne	2 1 57
1 16 57	Earnest W. Scribner	Belchertown	61 6 29	Northampton	Northampton	2 18 57
1 27 57	George Hubert Greene	Belchertown	68 9 21	Ware	Palmer	2 18 57
1 11 57	William Lafleur	Belchertown	68 0 0	Holyoke	Chicopee	2 18 57
2 19 57	Frederick W. Martin	Pittsfield	3 7 10	Belchertown	Pittsfield	2 25 57
2 19 57	Nellie Lanctot	Willimansett	72 1 1	Belchertown	South Hadley	2 27 57
2 28 57	Marilyn Ruth Stone	Palmer	4 8 1	Belchertown	Palmer	3 6 57
3 9 57	John Carson Belden	West Springfield	5 10 19	Belchertown	Springfield	3 15 57
3 9 57	Helen Fontaine	Holyoke	56 11 19	Belchertown	Belchertown	3 15 57
3 11 57	Michael Jackson	Pittsfield	10 1 9	Belchertown	Pittsfield	3 15 57
3 12 57	Emmett Franklin Loper	Oxford	19 10 20	Belchertown	Springfield	3 15 57
3 17 57	Ethel Badger	Springfield	56 3 8	Belchertown	Northampton	3 20 57
4 4 57	Bertha Dilger McKinnon	Belchertown	81 5 6	Belchertown	Belchertown	4 6 57
3 7 57	Jonathan Edwards Shores	Belchertown	100 1 9	Amherst	Springfield	4 6 57
3 31 57	William Henry Squires	Belchertown	53 3 2	Springfield	Belchertown	4 6 57
4 6 57	Eva Cote Cooney Austin	Belchertown	58 0 0	Belchertown	Palmer	4 9 57
3 8 57	Floyd Raymond Peeso	Belchertown	54 0 12	Ware	Belchertown	4 12 57
3 28 57	Marjorie Buss Johnston	Belchertown	54 3 5	Ware	Springfield	4 12 57
3 23 57	Nellie Gertrude Shea	Belchertown	75 0 0	Northampton	Palmer	4 30 57
5 2 57	Anna Mae Walker	Belchertown	41 5 17	Belchertown	Ware	5 4 57

Date of Death	Name	Residence	Age			Place of Death	Place of Burial	Date Record
			yr.	mo.	day			
5 6 57	Albert Joseph Chartier	Belchertown	60	0	0	Belchertown	Chicopee	5 8 57
5 17 57	Sophie Zajac Lebida	Belchertown	65	0	0	Palmer	Palmer	5 23 57
5 23 57	Ellery Clayton Holt	Belchertwon	65	5	20	Palmer	Belchertown	6 4 57
5 10 57	William deGuise	Belchertown	67	0	4	Holyoke	Springfield	6 10 57
5 27 57	May Bates Farrar	Belchertown	84	2	3	Ware	Springfield, Vt.	6 13 57
6 14 57	Charles Edward O'Reilly	Belchertown	76	5	30	Belchertown	Ware	6 17 57
6 18 57	Bertram Aubra Butler	Belchertown	83	1	9	Belchertown	Orange	6 21 57
6 24 57	Methody Oseep	Belchertown	73	5	0	Belchertown	Springfield	6 25 57
7 4 57	Harriett Evelyn Ward	Belchertown	90	2	17	Belchertown	Springfield	7 8 57
7 4 57	Corinne Ann Zlotnik	Templeton	7	4	12	Belchertown	Gardner	7 10 57
6 11 57	Lila Zimmer Walker	Belchertown	62	0	0	Holyoke	Ludlow	7 10 57
5 19 57	Thomas Kenny	Belchertown	64	9	4	Tewksbury	Palmer	7 19 57
8 8 57	Adelard Lord	Belchertown	80	2	25	Belchertown	Springfield	8 10 57
8 13 57	Henry Francis Aldrich	Belchertown	76	7	5	Belchertown	Belchertown	8 20 57
5 23 57	Alexander Hirst	Belchertown	58	0	0	Bath, N. Y.	Bath, N. Y.	8 20 57
8 16 57	Deborah Lee Pizzi	Lanesboro	1	9	16	Belchertown	Adams	8 20 57
8 24 57	Arthur Junior Manor	Ludlow	20	9	10	Belchertown	Altona, N. Y.	8 26 57
8 25 57	John T. Shea	Springfield	70	4	22	Belchertown	Springfield	8 27 57
8 31 “	William Wallace Robertson	Belchertown	65	6	10	Belchertown	Belchertown	9 4 57
9 10 57	Mary H. Plumb	Amherst	67	2	20	Belchertown	Belchertown	9 13 57
9 12 57	John DeLuca	Medford	11	2	29	Belchertown	Malden	9 16 57
9 20 57	Stephanie Wachta	Chicopee	31	3	20	Belchertown	Chicopee	9 23 57
9 21 57	William Charles Bishop	Belchertown	66	3	11	Belchertown	Belchertown	9 23 57
9 24 57	Rose A. Maryea	Leicester	38	5	17	Belchertown	Amesbury	9 26 57
5 5 57	Leon Antonovitch, Jr.	Belchertown	22	9	6	Fort Dix, N. J.	Three Rivers	9 3 57

Date of Death			Name	Residence	Age			Place of Death	Place of Burial	Date Record		
					yr.	mo.	day					
10	30	57	Francis E. Thibeault	Springfield	39	8	29	Belchertown	Belchertown	11	7	57
11	3	57	Doris Nesbit	Springfield	47	4	19	Belchertown	Belchertown	11	7	57
11	8	57	Anna (Pajak) Pietras	Belchertown	67	0	0	Belchertown	Palmer	11	9	57
10	21	57	James R. Garvey	Belchertown	81	0	0	Holyoke	Palmer	11	13	57
11	16	57	Alfred Paul Jodoin	Worcester	12	6	17	Belchertown	Worcester	11	20	57
11	23	"	Anna C. (Duouette) Sullivan	Belchertown	67	9	0	Belchertown	Chicopee	11	23	57
11	21	57	Joyce Suzanne Gaudrault	Salem	15	10	22	Belchertown	Salem	11	24	57
11	26	57	Clarence W. Hatheway	Belchertown	74	10	15	Belchertown	Ware	11	29	57
11	28	"	George Douglas MacMillan	Belchertown	78	0	14	Belchertown	Williamstown	11	30	57
11	28	57	Catherine Carroll	Fitchburg	67	2	28	Belchertown	Gardner	11	30	57
12	1	57	Edgar Darling	Sutton	55	10	22	Belchertown	Belchertown	12	6	57
11	4	57	Flora (Goyette) Fournier	Belchertown	64	0	0	Holyoke	South Hadley	12	9	57
11	29	"	Clara I. (Graveli) Bosworth	Belchertown	81	7	22	Barre	Springfield	12	9	57
12	23	57	Robert Raymond Brown	Wilbraham	49	6	28	Belchertown	Palmer	12	24	57
12	28	57	Catherine Rozkuszka	Belchertown	74	0	0	Belchertown	Ware	12	31	57

Report of Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1957

Cash		$121,799.85
Accounts Receivable		
Taxes		
Levy 1956		
Poll	$2.00	
Personal	999.58	
Real Estate	788.50	$1,790.08
Levy 1957		
Poll	16.00	
Personal	2,941.40	
Real Estate	19,453.64	22,411.04
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise		
Levy 1956	35.39	
Levy 1957	5,301.62	5,337.01
Farm Animal Excise		
Levy 1957		95.38
Sewer Rentals		
Levy 1956	60.00	
Levy 1957	300.00	360.00
Tax Titles and Tax Possessions		

Tailings		$109.50
Agency		
Impounding and Sale of Cattle		312.00
Trust Funds		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund		1,053.95
Cemetery Perpetual Care Income		45.51
Walter Pratt Private Trust Fund		5.00
Recoveries		
Old Age Assistance	5,392.40	
Disability Assistance	30.00	5,422.40
Federal Grants		
Disability—Administration	40.63	
Disability—Aid	197.22	
A. D. C.—Administration	9.01	
A. D. C.—Aid	151.18	
O. A. A.—Administration	372.27	
O. A. A.—Aid	1,179.85	1,950.16
Revolving Funds		
High School Athletic	35.99	
School Lunch	89.15	125.14
Appropriations		11,708.73

Tax Titles	4,499.33	
Tax Possessions	154.63	4,653.95
Departmental		
Highways	27.00	
Old Age Assistance	533.43	
Aid Dependent Children	390.97	951.40
Underestimates		
State Parks and Reservations		50.96
Aid to Highways		
State	23,921.50	
County	3,000.00	26,921.50
		$184,371.17

Non Revenue		
New Elementary School	604.98	
New Elementary School Equipment	463.73	
Elementary School Fund	82.83	1,151.54
Overestimates		
1957 County Tax		131.66
Sale of Real Estate		813.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots		175.00
Receipts Reserved For Appropriations		
Road Machinery Earnings	15,484.60	
Insurance Reserve	926.82	11,411.42
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		8,283.72
Overlay For Abatements		
Levy 1956	1,790.08	
Levy 1957	4,658.26	6,448.34
Revenue Reserved Until Collected		
Motor Vehicle Excise	5,337.01	
Special Assessments	360.00	
Tax Titles and Tax Possessions	4,653.95	
Departmental	951.40	
Aid to Highways	26,921.50	38,319.24
Surplus Revenue		91,904.13
		$184,371.17

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	
Inside Debt Limit	
General	$164,000.00
Outside Debt Limit	
General	165,000.00
	$329,000.00

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Serial Loans		
Inside Debt Limit		
Sewer Loan 1949	$29,000.00	
Sewer Loan 1952	3,000.00	
School Building Loan 1952	130,000.00	
Fire Equipment Loan 1953	2,000.00	164,000.00
Outside Debt Limit		
School Building Loan 1952		165,000.00
		$329,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Cash and Securities	$61,731.61
Investment Funds, Cash and Security	11,094.07
	$72,825.68

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

In Custody of Treasurer	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	$3,500.00
Whiting Street Poor Fund	10,458.92
George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,970.58
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	8,332.92
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,287.00
Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	1,405.29
Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	509.15
Nellie Brown Cemetery Fund	1,059.15
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	29,206.74
Walter Pratt Private Trust Fund	1.86
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	6,177.57
War Memorial Fund	4,916.50
	$72,825.68

Balances on Appropriations

December 31, 1957

Account	Appropriations	Balances and Additions	Refunds and Transfers	Expended	Un-expended
Selectmen, Salaries	$875.00			$875.00	
Selectmen, Expense	200.00			188.05	$11.95
Town Accountant, Salary	650.00			650.00	
Town Accountant, Expense	100.00			63.34	36.66
Town Treasurer, Salary	1,350.00			1,350.00	
Town Treasurer, Expense	741.00			737.68	3.32
Tax Collector, Salary	1,600.00			1,600.00	
Tax Collector, Expense	942.00			941.08	.92
Town Clerk, Salary	850.00			850.00	
Town Clerk, Expense	263.00			261.78	1.22
Assessors, Salaries	1,300.00			1,300.00	
Assessors, Expense	650.00			560.82	89.18
Election and Registration	750.00		$41.28t	791.28	
Certification of Notes	10.00			2.00	8.00
Law	400.00			375.50	24.50
Old Town Hall	1,000.00		1.35r	761.10	240.25
Lawrence Memorial Hall	400.00		52.84t	452.84	
American Legion Headq'ters	410.00			363.80	46.20
Police Department	4,250.00	$400.00a		4,642.25	7.75
Police Dept. Special Account					
Repair Police Car	68.35			68.35	
Fire Department	2,965.00			2,960.26	4.74
Forest Fire Account	1,730.00			1,617.46	112.54
Hydrant Service	1,500.00			1,500.00	
Moth Suppression	300.00			264.00	36.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,500.00			1,499.30	.70
Tree Warden	1,200.00			1,199.39	.61
Sealer Weights and Measures	100.00			100.00	
Inspector of Wires	150.00			150.00	
Civilian Defense	900.00		203.06t	1,103.06	
Board of Health	1,778.00	595.00a		2,273.38	99.62
Sewer Maintenance	3,600.00			3,556.32	43.68
Highways—Chapt. 81, 1956	6,700.00			6,700.00	
Chapt. 81, 1957	28,325.00	120.30r	.21t	28,445.51	
Chapt. 90C, 1956	3,000.00	10,262.41*	133.50r	13,395.91	
Chapt. 90C, 1957	15,000.00			12,231.84	2,768.14

Account	Appropriations	Balances and Additions	Refunds and Transfers	Expended	Un-expended
Chapt. 90M	5,000.00			5,000.00	
Chapt. 718 Springfield Rd.	1000.00	1,800.00a		2,643.25	156.75
Chapt. 718 Rockrim'n Rd.	800.00	1,100.00a		1,794.52	105.48
Chapt. 718 N. Wash. St.	1,500.00	2,800.00a		1,798.09	2,501.91
Snow Removal	6,000.00			5,791.57	208.43
Bridges	2,600.00		300.00t	2,731.97	168.03
Streets	1,500.00		266.50t	1,764.57	1.93
Sidewalks	250.00			26.21	223.79
N. Wash. St. Sidewalk	600.00				600.00
Shea Ave.	750.00			750.00	
George Hannum St.	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Cold Spring Road	500.00			500.00	
Sabin Street	1,000.00			1,000.00	
Road Machinery Expense	6,000.00		73.27t	6,073.27	
Street Lighting	3,188.00			3,188.00	
Cleaning, Rep'g Water Holes	300.00	689.04*		315.70	673.34
Flood Relief		2,995.51*		2,995.51	
Veterans' Aid	1,050.00	400.00a	2,097.53t 1,195.58*	4,731.61	11.50
Public Welfare, Salaries	425.00			425.00	
Public Welfare, Gen'l Relief	1,200.00			229.89	970.11
Bel.-Granby Welfare Dist.	1,675.00			1,675.00	
Old Age Assistance, Town	34,000.00		271.03r	33,104.59	1,166.44
Disability Assistance	3,200.00		23.00r	1,376.93	1,846.07
Aid Dependent Children	750.00			15.25	734.75
School Department	204,625.00	9,000.00a		209,416.96	4,208.04
New Elem. Sch. Bldg. Equip.		480.98*		17.25	463.73
New Elementary Sch. Bldg. Fund		1,000.00*		395.02	604.98
Elementary Sch. Bldg. Fund		739.17*		658.34	82.83
Vocational Education	4,000.00			3,994.72	5.28
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00	838.00a	26.25r	1,564.24	.01
Clapp Mem. Lib. Htg. Fund	1,700.00			.00	1,700.00
Unclassified	750.00		27.50t	776.06	.44
Parsons Recreation Field	350.00			121.35	228.65
Summer Recreation Program	350.00			291.40	58.60
Insurance	7,144.58	812.25a		7,893.70	63.13
Memorial Day	200.00			200.00	
Veterans' Day	60.00			60.00	
Hampshire Co. Retirement	2,035.00			2,035.00	

Account	Appropriations	Balances and Additions	Refunds and Transfers	Expended	Un-expended
Photostatic Copies Discharges	10.00		10.00t	10.95	9.05
Town Clock	100.00			100.00	
Town Dump	275.00		100.00t	342.75	32.25
Town Common	250.00			136.40	113.60
Planning Board	300.00	396.17*		598.40	97.75
Landers Playground		22.75*			22.75
Radio Trans., Rec'v'r Police	500.00			500.00	
1956 Unpaid Bills	1,269.00			1,269.00	
Reserve Fund	3,500.00			3,418.30	81.70
War Memorial	500.00			500.00	
Town History		191.00*			191.00
Revaluation Town Prop'ty	12,000.00			9,561.24	2,438.76
Public Add. Sys'm, Mem. hall	500.00			500.00	
Regional Sch. Planning Bd.	500.00			24.40	475.60
Cemeteries	1,400.00	700.00a		1,960.78	139.22
Soldiers' Graves	250.00			179.81	70.19
Interest	7,621.00	246.11a		7,867.11	
Maturing Debt.	26,000.00			26,000.00	

a—Additional r—Refunds t—Transfers
*—State and County Allotments

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

December 31, 1957

Sewer Construction Loan of 1949 $29,000.00

Serial notes bearing interest at the rate of 2½% per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 20 years from date of issue and $1,000.00 annually for 5 years thereafter.

Amount payable in 1958 $2,000.00

Sewer Construction Loan of 1952 3,000.00

Serial notes bearing interest at the rate of 2½% per annum and maturing $1,000.00 annually for 8 years from date of issue.

Amount payable in 1958 1,000.00

School Building Loan of 1951 165,000.00

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.10%, dated August 1, 1952 and payable $12,000.00 annually for 5 years, and $11,000.00 annually for 15 years.

Amount payable in 1958 11,000.00

School Building Loan of 1952 130,000.00

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.10%, dated August 1, 1952, payable $9,000.00 annually for 15 years, and $8,000.00 annually for 5 years.

Amount payable in 1958 9,000.00

Fire Apparatus Loan of 1953 2,000.00

Serial notes bearing interest at the rate of 2¾% per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 5 years from date of issue.

Amount payable in 1958 2,000.00

FANNY G. MOREY, *Town Accountant*

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Authorized by Finance Committee

From Reserve Fund to:

Veterans' Aid	$2,097.53	
Elections and Registrations	41.28	
Town Dump	100.00	
Interest	246.11	
Photostatic Copies of Discharges	10.00	
Highways—Streets	266.50	
Highways—Bridges	300.00	
Highways—Chapter 81	.21	
Highways—Road Machinery Expense	73.27	
Civilian Defense ,	203.06	
Unclassified	27.50	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	52.84	$3,418.30

I certify that as Town Accountant I have examined the cash accounts and trust fund accounts of the Town Treasurer, Robert D. Camp, Sr., and found the balances sufficient to cover said accounts in cash and in bank deposits.

Fanny G. Morey, Town Accountant

January 14, 1958

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, ss.

Personally appeared before me, Fanny G. Morey, Town Accountant, and made oath that the above statement by her subscribed is true.

Louis E. Fuller, Notary Public

Report of Veterans' Services

VETERANS' SERVICES

Fanny G. Morey, Agent	Expenditures $4,731.61

Due to unemployment, the services rendered veterans has been greater than in 1956.

The following types of aid were given:

Dental	1
Bonus Applications	3
Hospitalization	5
Rehab. Training	1
Pensions	2
Photostats	8
Glasses	2

On January 1957, there were five cases on the books.

Four towns accepted applications from veterans, which were proven Belchertown settlements. These cases were temporary.

At the present time there are two cases pending. Both claim Belchertown settlement; however, there is some doubt. Word is being awaited from the Commissioner's Office.

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

The cemeteries were cared for in the usual way. A new fence was erected between Mt. Hope Cemetery and Gould Ketchen's property, the Cemetery Commissioners furnishing the posts and Mr. Ketchen the labor. Several loads of gravel were put on the roads at Mt. Hope Cemetery, and the usual amount of mowing was done in all the cemeteries.

Respectfully,

CHARLES F. AUSTIN
MICHAEL F. SHEA
LINCOLN A. COOK
Cemetery Commissioners

Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

	Term Expires
FITZHUGH L. TURNER, Chairman	1960
MRS. FANNY G. MOREY	1958
WALTER P. PIPER	1959

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

CARL J. PETERSON South Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 4791
Telephone Office: 3111

Secretary and Clerk

MRS. MAY ROSE DEWEY North Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 3591

Meetings of School Committee

At 7:30 P. M. on the Second Wednesday of the Month

School Nurse

MRS. TIRZAH JUSKALIAN, R. N., Green Avenue, Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 2832
Telephone Office: 4371

School Physician

JAMES L. COLLARD, M. D. Maple St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 2411

Attendance Officer

WILLIAM J. KIMBALL, JR. North Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 4351

No School Signal

4 Siren Signals at 7:15 A. M.

Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

The committee held twenty-one regular and special meetings in 1957. In addition to the time spent in discussion and deliberation at these meetings, individual members have often been called upon to discuss and investigate school problems. The committee meetings have been marked by a remarkable spirit of cooperation and unanimity of decision.

The decision of the voters at the 1957 annual town meeting to reduce the school appropriation by $9,000.00 resulted in the basic problem of the year. The committee, being locally elected, realized that many citizens felt this implied the obligation to operate the schools in keeping with the majority vote of the town meeting. However, Education is largely a State responsibility, and the local committee is an independent body entrusted by law with broad powers and important duties and responsibilities. The committee did not wish to exercise legal authority but felt a deep and serious concern over the impossibility of maintaining the present level of education. The carefully prepared budget had been reduced to a minimum and it was the unanimous opinion that further reduction could not be made without seriously affecting the educational program.

For eight months the school operation was carried out with the uncertainty of inadequate funds to complete the year. The most serious immediate result was the large turn-over of teaching personnel. It was not possible until late in August to give teachers, re-elected for the school year beginning in September, a salary contract with an increment or increase over the previous school year. It was also impossible to carry out some of the previous planned program in the areas of maintenance, repairs and replacements.

The committee sincerely hope that the vote of the special town meeting on August 19, to restore the deficiency to the school budget was not based on the fear of the suit being brought by certain taxpayers against the town, but was rather the result of an awakened awareness of the critical issues facing the schools. During the course of the arguments on school matters much blame was placed on the lack of adequate communication between the committee and the public relative to school financial affairs. This is a situation which will be remedied, and the committee sincerely hope that the town will never again be faced with the experience of the past year.

By unanimous vote, the Belchertown School Committee respectfully ask the town to appropriate the sum of $230,941 for the running of the schools during 1958.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1958

	Appropriation 1957	Appropriation 1958
GENERAL CONTROL	$11,245.00	$11,255.00
INSTRUCTION	131,867.00	143,831.00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT	22,981.00	25,008.00
REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS	3,745.00	3,745.00
TRANSPORTATION	32,000.00	33,300.00
HEALTH	4,455.00	4,595.00
MISCELLANEOUS	755.00	755.00
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	5,227.00	5,602.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	800.00	2,300.00
LIBRARY	550.00	550.00
	$213,625.00	$230,941.00

SECTION 10 of School Aid, Chapter 643, Acts of 1948, requires School Committees when submitting their school budgets, to include an estimate of the following receipts:

Group A		
1. School Aid, Chapter 643	$37,962.00	
2. Transportation	28,500.00	
3. Superintendent's Reimbursement	3,333.33	
4. Vocational Household Arts	2,352.78	$72,148.11
Group B		
1. Tuition and Transportation	$6,651.45	6,651.45
		$78,799.56
Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation		$152,141.44

In accordance with the procedure that has been followed for many years, the School Committee will present at a meeting with the Finance Committee explanatory statements as to any changes from the amounts appropriated for the same purposes in the preceding year.

Very truly yours,

FITZHUGH L. TURNER, *Chairman*
FANNY G. MOREY
WALTER P. PIPER
School Committee

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Members of the School Committee and Citizens of Belchertown:

I herewith present my sixth annual report on the Belchertown Public Schools.

In the Annual Report of The Department of Education, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the Belchertown expenditure per pupil in average membership for the school year ending June 30, 1957 was $215.67 per pupil in the elementary schools (Grades 1-8), and $373.11 per pupil in the high school. Belchertown is classified for comparative purposes in Group III which includes all towns of less than 5,000 population maintaining high schools. In this category the average per capita pupil expenditure was $232.03 at the elementary and $418.94 at the secondary level. Is a per pupil saving of $16.36 and $45.83 respectively a sound educational economy? In my opinion this is debatable.

Few citizens, I am sure, would advocate a "cheap" educational program. Cheapness can mean; inferior quality, shoddiness and low intrinsic value. However, when economy is pursued to the point of frugality it might be more apropos to use this term rather than to speak of "economical" education.

There are, however, factors other than financial that make for a good educational climate. Among the more important of these are the public attitude toward the aims of education and the status of the teacher. It has been said and the sentiment re-echoed that if teachers do not like conditions in Belchertown they are free to go elsewhere. This is an obvious truth, yet who will suffer most from this attitude? The teacher who secures a better paying position elsewhere or the student who can not go elsewhere and may, therefore, be exposed to well meaning but possibly untrained and beginning teachers.

As teachers leave to pursue their careers elsewhere there is regret in the severance of professional ties but satisfaction in the knowledge that their local experience contributed to their advancement. In the reports of the Building Principals are listed the personnel changes that have taken place during the year.

It was out of deep tribute and sorrow that the schools were closed on March 26 so that the students, teachers and other school personnel could pay final respect to Miss Nellie G. Shea. Her entire life except for the first five years was spent in connection with the local schools; first, as a pupil, and then, from the time of her graduation from high school, for 56 years as a teacher. For many years she served as principal of Franklin School, asking in her later years to be relieved of this assignment in order to devote her full energies to the classroom. Her life of devotion to her duty will long be remembered and serve as an inspiration to those who have worked with her and to the many students who had the opportunity to have her as a teacher.

The retirement of Mrs. Marion Shaw marks the close of a full time service to the local schools that has extended over a period of 31 years. For many years Mrs. Shaw taught grade six and many pupils recall and cherish the results of her outstanding annual project in The History of Belchertown. At the time of the opening of the new Cold Spring School she requested to remain at Center School in the room she had occupied for many years. Mrs. Shaw was most helpful in the organization of the present Junior High School Program and she has also contributed much to the school musical activities. In accordance with the provisions of the new Retirement law her services will continue to be available on a substitute basis.

In June Mr. Elwyn Doubleday resigned as principal of Cold Spring School in order to accept a larger administrative position in a nearby community. Mr. Doubleday was assistant principal and teacher of Science in the High School at the time of the opening of the Cold Spring building. He was appointed supervising principal of the new building and was most successful in that capacity. In addition to his administrative duties he studied and evaluated the elementary curriculum and made several notable improvements. His position was filled by Mr. Donald Geer, Principal of the Center School, who accepted the dual responsibility of two buildings. This experiment in school administration has not been in operation long enough to be critically evaluated. It seems apparent, however, that such a position will not give a principal the important time necessary to adequately provide the degree of teacher supervision and pupil guidance heretofore possible.

The following reports submitted by members of the Staff give a more detailed outline of the progress and changes that have taken place during the past year.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Miss Eleanor Fitzgerald, Principal

Some changes have taken place at Franklin School since January 1957 with respect to the enrollment and teaching staff. As regards enrollment there is a ten per cent increase over the previous year; this resulting from the increase of pupils entering the Primary grades.

Death came suddenly and unexpectedly to one of our beloved teachers, Nellie G. Shea, who passed away last March. Miss Shea, who had taught at Franklin School for over fifty years, was an outstanding teacher and was always ready to co-operate in school and community affairs. She is deeply missed by both teachers and pupils, but her memory is an inspiration to carry on.

Mrs. Lucy Sullivan was appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Miss Shea. She is a graduate of Westfield State Normal School. Prior to teaching in Belchertown, she taught in the Ludlow School System.

The health of each child is of utmost importance to the administrative staff. Unless a child is in good health, he cannot perform his work and develop both academically and socially. The school nurse checks each child in order to prevent any serious problems from developing. All the pupils have had the opportunity to take advantage of the Salk vaccine. The majority of children of school age and many pre-school children have been innoculated under this program.

In conjunction with health, Miss Ely, a dental hygenist, has examined each child's teeth and notified the parents of her findings.

These are only a few of the health problems that the school system has recognized, and it has taken the initial steps to make the children healthier and happier.

It is imperative that each child recognize and practice the rules of safety. We have safety patrol leaders who recognize the responsibility of their position. In an attempt to emphasize safety, Captain Heffern from the Safety Division of the State Registry of Motor Vehicles showed films and spoke to the children on several phases of safety.

All pupils have taken advantage of the State Bookmobile from the Regional Library Center of the State Division Library Extension. This Bookmobile visits the school six times a year and leaves with each child as many books as he desires.

It is essential that tests be administered to the pupils so that individual differences can be discovered. The real objective of testing is greater understanding and improved instructon for our pupils. With this in mind the Stanford Achievement Tests were administered to grades one and two, while the Iowa Tests of Educational Development were administered for the first time to grades three through six. These test results are useful for identifying pupil difficulties and class needs.

American Education Week was observed during November with Open House in the evening. The number of parents who visited school during that week was most gratifying.

Children will perform their best work in a clean environment. Our custodian, Mr. Albert Dudek, has done his part in keeping the building clean and comfortable for everyone.

CENTER AND COLD SPRING SCHOOL

Mr. Donald E. Geer, Principal

Herein submitted is my annual report for the year 1957, including that period during which I have served as Principal of both the Center and Cold Spring Schools.

In January, the Iowa Test of Basic Skills were administered to all pupils in grades 3-8. The Stanford Achievement Tests were continued in grades 1 and 2. The Iowa tests provide for comprehensive measurement of the fundamentals of vocabulary, reading, the mechanics of correct writing, methods of study, and arithmetic. These skills are crucial to the additional development of the pupil and largely determine the extent to which he can profit from later instruction. The primary purpose of the test is to reveal how well each pupil has mastered the basic skills. The median score for each grade together with the norm for that grade appears in the following chart:

Grade	*Median*	*Norm*
1	1.9	1.8
2	3.1	2.8
3	3.6	3.5
4	4.6	4.5
5	5.6	5.5
6	6.7	6.5
7	7.4	7.5
8	8.4	8.5

As a result of the Arithmetic Workshop conducted during the past year, The World Book arithmetic series was adopted for grades 1-8, and has been introduced in grades 1, 2, 7, and 8.

Additional reference material has been added in each building. New dictionaries have been placed in grades 4, 7, and 8. A set of Compton's Pictured Encyclopedia has been placed in the library at the Center School, and a new set of the World Book as well as Compton's has been purchased for use at the Cold Spring School.

In the spring, the Principal attended the Elementary Principals' Conference at Amherst, and the Secondary Schools Principals' Association Conference in Framingham. The emphasis at these conferences was on the status of the science and mathematics programs in the public schools.

In observance of Arbor Day, appropriate assembly programs were conducted. At Center, a white pine hedge around the flag pole was started, and at Cold Spring a maple tree was added to the landscape along the drive.

Once again appropriate year ending exercises were held in honor of the pupils who advanced from the junior high to the senior high school level. 74 pupils were included in this group. At the Cold Spring School exercises were held for 72 pupils who were being transferred to the junior high level.

The opening of school in September saw many changes in personnel. Nine of the seventeen teachers at the two schools were replacing teachers who had left at the close of school in June. In addition it was necessary to start the school year with two substitute teachers for members of the faculty who were completing military duty. In September the services of Alice Flaherty were lost indefinitely, and Mrs. Frances Hodgen has been serving as her replacement. Other new members of the faculty are:

Cold Spring School —Grade 1—Bertha O'Neill
Doris Gervais
Grade 2—Camille Dutcher
Grade 4—Ruth Dobson
Grade 5—Mary Foote
Grade 6—William Dickinson
Center School —Social Studies and English—Helen Renou
Jean Richardson
Math and Science—Stanley Czech

The enrollment at the Cold Spring School in September numbered 380, an increase of 22 over the previous year. The Center School numbered 150, which was 40 less than the previous year.

The enrollment by grades is shown in the following chart:

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
1	34	35	69
2	30	25	55
3	33	32	65
4	42	26	68
5	35	26	61
6	36	26	62
7	47	31	78
8	34	38	72

During the summer many playground improvements were realized including an enlarged blacktop apron at the rear of the Cold Spring School, the installation of the merry-go-round, swings, teeters, basketball standards, and a volleyball area. These installations allow for better organization and a greater variety of outdoor playtime activities.

The cafeteria program has continued to play a vital part in the school program. In January cafeteria facilities were made available at the Center School building, with the food being transported from the Cold Spring School cafeteria. Since September, the average daily participation in this program at the two schools has been 350, which is 66% of the total enrollment.

During the year ahead there are several anticipated projects. It is planned to extend the new arithmetic series through grade 4. In keeping with the current emphasis on science and mathematics, plans for the extension of a more formal science program through the lower grades, and the adoption of a graded text are under consideration. At the junior high level it is hoped that a much needed, new, social studies program will be introduced.

The daily building maintenance programs are continuing satisfactorily. In addition to this, however, there is urgent need for many major building improvements especially at the Center School. For many years comment has been made relative to the need for better lighting, repair, and refinishing in the classrooms. Also, there is an acute need for improvement in the existing plumbing. The toilet facilities are inadequate and there is an ever present need for hot water which has never been available at this building.

Having discussed some of the physical needs and improvements in these buildings, I should like to comment briefly on the dual principalship which I am serving. It is not possible to summarize or to attempt to evaluate the position at this time. In passing, however, it can be said that the position is a demanding one. Thorough and constant supervision of both teacher and pupil progress is impossible. Before this time a program for teacher supervision had been developed locally and much progress in this direction had been made. Under the present set-up, general teacher supervision has been held to a minimum, and only those areas where there has been a felt need have been served. Also, the effectiveness of the administration has been handicapped by the separation of the two buildings and the absence of someone in authority at all times. As of the present, the future status of this position remains a question in my mind.

In conclusion, may I express my appreciation to all those who have served with me or who have assisted me in any way during the past year.

HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Guy E. Harrington, Principal

The enrollment in September, 1957, was as follows:

	Boys	Girls	Totals
Seniors	8	17	25
Juniors	18	21	39
Sophomores	22	36	58
Freshmen	37	35	72
	85	109	194

Eleven girls and nine boys graduated in June, 1957. Of this group, Caroline Knight is a student at the University of Massachusetts; William Henneman and David McCollom enrolled last fall in the Western Massachusetts School of Pharmacy, Willimansett—Henneman is now in the Navy but intends to return to school when he has completed his period of service; Wayne Cannon is attending the Cambridge School of Radio Television Broadcasting Company; Suzanne Valliere is preparing for a career in nursing at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital, Newton Lower Falls, Massachusetts; Gerald Keller is enrolled at Northeastern University, Boston; William McHaffie is serving in the United States Navy; Carol Hill is school secretary at the Belchertown Center and Cold Springs Schools; Marianne Mathras and Mary Finnerty are employed at the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company, Springfield—Miss Mathras expects to enter the Peter Bent Brigham School of Nursing, Boston; Marion Horta is employed by the Buxton, Inc. Leather Goods Company; Richard Cook is working on a farm; Edward Landers has a position at Monsanto; Charlene Barrett is employed by the Bell Telephone Company of Springfield; Edward Jusko is working as a carpenter; George Pittsley is employed at the Lord Jeffery Inn, Amherst. Four of the girls are married. Marion Cook is now Mrs. Robert Mason. The former Judita Greenan married George Dupont. Rosemary Scialla is Mrs. David Hodgen, and Carolyn McCollom is Mrs. Richard Mercure.

Three faculty resignations occurred last June. Mrs. Angela LeGrand and Mrs. Alice Sullivan accepted positions in Ware High School, and Mr. Chester Eisold joined the high school staff at Suffield, Connecticut. These vacancies were filled as follows: Mrs. Marie Bull, who has attended Trinity College, Washington D. C. and Emmanuel College and Boston University, Boston; Mrs. Lucille Canavan, who is a graduate of Mt. St. Mary College, Hooksett, N. H. and taught last year at Hardwick High School, Gilbertville, Mass.; Mr. Clarence Dobson, a University of Vermont graduate who has taught at Templeton (Mass.) High School; and Mr. James O'Leary, who has a B.A. degree from St. Anselm's College. Mr. Robert Camp, Jr., on military leave of absence during the 1956-1957 school year, returned to his position last September.

All high school pupils took the Iowa Test of Educational Development last September. This testing program covers nine important aspects of fundamental development in four major areas: The ability to understand and use the English language; the ability to do practical, everyday arithmetical reasoning; knowledge of both natural and social sciences; and the ability to think straight about common problems in these fields. The results of this program show the scope of each student's background knowledge and the extent to which his scholastic abilities have already been developed. They enable teachers to individualize instruction to meet personal student needs and give guidance directors invaluable information to help them counsel effectively. The results of these tests give a comprehensive report to parents of their children's scholastic abilities and potentialities and afford parent and child a better understanding of how their school is trying to provide the best education possible. The Ware Office of the Division of Employment Security administered aptitude tests to seniors.

A full course in Driver Education is offered to qualified students. The course includes two parts: One, a minimum of 20 hours of PRE-DRIVER TRAINNG which is classroom work; two, a minimum of 6 hours of observation and 6 hours of operation of a dual control car, which is the Driver Training "behind the wheel" aspect of the course. The pupils passed the state driving test last December and another class of 40 students have completed the classroom work and are ready to take road practice instruction.

The Problems of Democracy class, seniors, have sponsored a drive to furnish a Christmas gift "from outside" to every patient at the Belchertown State School. Also, the same class conducted a UNICEF drive to aid the children of the United Nations.

Earlene Martin was the winner of the Western Massachusetts Small High School Tournament Essay Contest. The theme was "Basketball Builds Character." All students in high school in the five western counties of Massachusetts were eligible for participation. A statuette was presented to Miss Martin during the Tournament at the University of Massachusetts. Miss Martin also represented Belchertown High School at Girls' State last June.

Jane Flaherty, Robert Marshall, and Dorothy Allen participated in a speaking contest at Suffolk University, Boston, last April.

Two students were in attendance at the Educational Day for High School Commercial Students' Convention sponsored by the National Office Management Association.

The usual educational tours have been taken. In addition, this year, student delegates were sent to the Safety Conference of the Western Massachusetts High Schools. Mary Papp and Chester Dzwonkowski were group leaders. Mr. Gerald Tremaine was their advisor.

In the local Lions Club Speaking Contest, an award was made to Miss Marion Horta.

Peter Demetropoulis was the winner in the American Legion Oratorical Contest.

In competition with eight other high schools in Hampshire County, Miss Judith Walker was the winner of a $25. U. S. Savings Bond awarded by the Northampton Order of Elks last spring for outstanding work in the Youth Leadership Campaign. Miss Walker was also a state delegate at the National 4-H Convention in Michigan last summer. The winner of the Flag Day Contest sponsored by the same organizaion was Martha Mathras.

Last September, Brian Crimmins, Robert Marshall, and Carl Peterson, all members of the Chemistry class, took a field trip to New York. They were accompanied by Mr. Robert Camp, Jr., Chemistry instructor, and Mr. Fitzhugh Turner, Jr., Chairman of the School Committee. On their way to New York the group stopped at the Naugatuck Chemical Division of the U. S. Rubber Plant where they were given a guided tour through the plant and shown how one of their products, Latex, is made. At New York, the Hayden Planetarium was visited. There the visiting party listened to a lecture on the solar system.

The New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, organized in 1885 and dedicated to the Advancement of the Cause of Education in New England, has certified that Belchertown High School, Belchertown, Massachusetts, meets the standards of the Association. B.H.S. has been a member of the Association since 1944. This certification is approved by the officials of the Association.

VOCATIONAL HOUSEHOLD ARTS

Mrs. Florence Jackson — Instructor

There are at present 102 girls enrolled in Household Arts. They are divided as follows:

Seventh grade	31
Eighth grade	36
Ninth grade	22
Tenth grade	13
	102

The Junior High girls learn the fundamentals of hand and machine sewing, and make simple cotton garments. During the eighth grade part of the time is devoted to foods classes, and fundamental methods of preparing and serving foods are stressed.

The High School girls concentrate on Home Making, with emphasis on home and family living. In foods classes nutritionally adequate meals are planned, prepared, and served. Child study includes the care, feeding, and safety of the infant and toddler. Some time is also given to the responsibilties involved in "baby sitting." In the clothing classes girls learn to master more complicated projects including simple tailoring. Perfection, rather than number of projects, is the high aim. During the tenth grade a course in home nursing is taught jointly with the school nurse, Mrs. Juskalian. The girls who satisfactorily pass this course of study are presented with Red Cross certificates.

In May, the department, encouraged by the interest shown last year, staged its second annual Fashion show. A larger number attended than had seen the first program. Miss Claire Allessio, the practice teacher from the University of Massachusetts, was most helpful in this project.

On October 12th, an exhibit was planned and arranged in the Old Town Hall.

The sophomore girls spent a morning visiting Springfield Trade High School. Some of them were very much interested in the excellent post-graduate courses offered.

This year we were greatly pleased to receive two new sewing machines. These were badly needed because of increased numbers in the classes.

One of the most encouraging aspects of this work is the application of what is learned in class in the lives of the girls and their families. When I see pupils proudly wearing what they have planned in their own heads and made with their own hands; when I hear that they have prepared at home, dishes which they have made in the laboratory; and when I receive letters or phone calls from girls or their parents who wish further information about some class project, I am greatly pleased. On the other hand, it is sometimes discouraging to discover that pupils who thoroughly understand the value of a sensible diet continue to follow anything but sensible eating habits day by day.

I wish to thank the school officials and the parents for their cooperation in making this important home making course possible for our girls.

MUSIC

Mrs. Clara Cook, Supervisor

Music is a record of the joys, sorrows, and ideals of man. Personal relationships which a child experiences at school educate him just as genuinely as what he sees, hears, reads, or otherwise experiences. Music is a social and democratic art that aids social development and adjustment.

As stated in a previous report, each year this report will contain a detailed summarization of the accomplishment at a particular grade level. This year the program in grade two is discussed.

Each child in grade two is given a music book.

The rote song learned by imitation will continue to play an important part in musical development. While they are learned by rote, the fact that the child can see the symbols on the pages of his book of songs assists him in learning, since he can read the text and will follow the melodic pattern and the rhythmic flow. Rote-note songs contain melodic patterns on which all music is based. They are taught first by rote, with emphasis given to single tonal patterns which are repeated again and again until they become so easily recognizable that the child can find them for himself without aid from the teacher.

Good phrasing in singing is important. Regardless of the time required in singing the phrase it should be sung with one breath. When the teacher sings the entire new song, the class finds the phrases that are repeated. When the phrase is repeated, the children sing it without any aid from the teacher.

The child who cannot sing in tune will not learn to carry a melody by singing as one of a group. He needs remedial attention.

The retarded singer can usually be classified as one of three types:—

1. The child who cannot match a tone
2. The child who can sing only short patterns
3. The child who can sing part of a melody correctly.

A note song is a simple reading song that can be read with syllables and correct note value by the class without the aid of the teacher. The children are taught to make the staff; G clef; single and double bars; and quarter, half, dotted half, whole, and eighth notes.

Extra activities in grade two consist of rhythmic activities such as: walking, running, skipping, swinging, swaying, bending, stretching, rowing, bouncing, and jumping to music. Folk dancing as well as rhythm band, with choice of instruments in the band appropriate to the mood of vocal and instrumental pieces, are also among the activities.

Because of the fine cooperation and help of the principals and teachers music reading continues all through the grades. Mrs. Marion Shaw and Mrs. Bernadette Bowler deserve special mention for the time and extra effort they have contributed to provide piano accompaniment and direction for the Junior High music program and glee club. We were very fortunate to have new music books "Singing Teenagers" for the Junior High School this year. This popular book provides material needed to make the learning and teaching of music at the junior high level a rewarding experience.

Two sets of Swiss melody bells were bought for Franklin School. These create interest in learning to read music.

During the year the fifth and sixth grade, and the Junior and Senior High School Glee Clubs gave several public performances. The Junior High Glee Club presented "A Christmas Pageant" for the school.. On December 20 the Senior class sang Christmas Carols on the common for WARE Radio Station.

At the Western Massachusetts Music Festival, the Senior High School Glee Club auditioned and received the highest rating.

I quote from Dr. Charles Eliot, American Educator and President of Harvard University, "Music rightly taught is the best mind trainer on the list."

HEALTH

Mrs. Tirzah D. Juskalian, R. N.

The total School Health Program covers four areas—home and community relationship school health services, control of environment, and health education. Education is the answer to many problems. This is specially true of health education. Schools teach hygiene. The girls in Domestic Science classes are taught the Basic Seven foods and how to prepare them properly, the main purpose of clothing which should fit the season, the care of the sick at home, and above all, the prevention of illnesses and accidents.

Health laws date back from the early 1800's. People even then became convinced of the need for community cooperation in the preservation of health, and realized that other possessions are of little value when one is not well. Dr. Franklin D. Yoder, Director of the Department of Public Health in Wyoming, states in one of his articles that "There would be greater sympathy for public health expenditures if it were realized that in one year 41,000 preventable deaths occurred in this country, and that the estimated cost in money, let alone human suffering, was $540,000,000. This means that our Nation could spend up to this amount each year to eradicate these deaths and still come out ahead financially, not to mention humanitarian considerations."

Realizing the importance of this subject, last year the President called a conference on *The Fitness of the American Youth* at Annapolis and recently another meeting of the President's Council at West Point on *Youth Fitness,* creating great interest throughout the Nation. Fitness meaning "total fitness" — physical, emotional, social, mental, and spiritual. Dr. Thompson, President of the American Association of Health, Physical Education, and Recreation, discussed this topic at the meeting of the Massachusetts School Nurses' Association in Boston, which I attended last month. He invited our Association to become affiliated with their organization because he felt a closer relationship would result in a more effective and direct method of carrying out a total health program in which public health nursing procedures could be more fully utilized for the benefit of our young people.

Everyone is aware of the dramatic victories over communicable diseases in the past. The latest of these is Poliomeyelitis. It is interesting to note that cases of paralitic polio in the United States over the last two years have been reduced 80% through the use of the Salk vaccine.

When the Belchertown Board of Health joined the other communities of Massachusetts in sponsoring a series of free clinics, the School Department was very willing to cooperate with them. The school clinic, its facilities, and personnel were made available to the Town. School busses were used to transport students to and from the clinics to their respective buildings. Publicity and recordings were also carried out by the school personnel. At the conclusion of these series last month, one could not help but feel a certain amount of satisfaction and confidence that most of our children had been protected against this dread disease.

Last Fall a flu-type epidemic did not pass us by. Belchertown had its share of illnesses as did all the nearby towns and cities. The greatest number of students absenteeism occurred on Monday, October 28, 1957. Fortunately, most of the cases were of a mild nature. Only three members of the school staff were stricken with the disease.

In May, with the cooperation of Miss Vera Miller, Executive Secretary of the Hampshire County Public Health Association, all students, with parental consent, in grades one, seven and twelve were patch tested for detection of tuberculosis. In the past, only the seniors were x-rayed. By following this procedure, more pupils were tested at less expense, less inconvenience, less time, and of even more importance, less chance of over-radiation from x-raying, which has lately been a point of controversy.

An educational film on case finding and treatment of tuberculosis was shown the entire High School to clarify the purpose of this part of the school health program. Three students showed a positive reaction to the patch test. These were x-rayed, and the fact that there were no active cases in our school was gratifying.

A dental survey was conducted by Miss Genevieve Ely, Registered Dental Hygienist of the State Health Department. The first examinations took place in May, and the second in September of 1957. The results according to the four classifications were as follows:

1. Apparently no treatment required	28%
2. Requiring treatment but not urgent	52%
3. Requiring early treatment	15%
4. Emergency-immediate	3%

Of the 797 students inspected in September, 566 or 71% needed care. There might have been a better picture in the final analysis if Belchertown had the benfit of a full time dentist. Unfortunately we lost even the part-time dentist. Lack of transportation to out-lying towns in order to reach a denist poses a great problem. Also, there is more than dental care involved in developing sound teeth in our children. Diet and nutrition play an important role. During the period when a child's teeth are being formed (from about 5 months before birth to the age of 8 years), an adequate supply of calcium and phosphorous is necessary. After that time special care in daily oral hygiene and good nutrition must follow. All health teaching in school will be futile if it is lost in the home. Continuity is imperative.

In addition to routine work, assisting the school physician with examinations, weighing and measuring, vision and hearing tests, I have tried to make the most of every teachable moment. Emphasis has been put on prevention of illness, maintenance of health, and developing a personal awareness of each student's responsibility to himself and safeguarding of others. It would be much wiser not to worry about our health only when we are ill, but to protect it while we are well.

The Polio vaccine and the Flu vaccine were administered to school and town employees by Dr. James Collard and Dr. Kenneth Collard. In 1957 our records reveal that there were 935 doses of anti-polio vaccine injected.

In closing, wish to extend my gratitude to all who were instrumental, directly or indirectly, in the functioning of a sound health program.

CONCLUSION

In an enterprise as large and complex as the operation of a public school system it is not possible to annually acknowledge the contributions of all personnel, town officials and others who contribute much to the success of the educational program. Belchertown has: clean, safe and adequately heated school buildings because of the excellent work of the custodial staff; a fine safety record of pupil transportation because the bus operators are careful and concerned; well regulated traffic control at two critical pupil crossing areas carried out by Mr. William Kimball, Jr., and Mr. Clarence Hubbard.

The cafeteria has again had a most successful year under the capable supervision of Mrs. Phyllis Mullane. It is apparent from the number of visitors from other towns who observe this program that it is considered a model operation for a community of this size. On the recommendation of the State office a man has been employed to assist with the canteen service to the other schools so that it will no longer be necessary for the women to lift and carry the heavy containers.

Unfortunately Belchertown has been faced with some problems in the area of Juvenile Delinquency. These problems involve the expenditure of a great deal of time at various administrative levels. The School Nurse is often called upon to serve as a social worker both in the study of these problems and to assist in the control of developments that could lead to most undesirable situations. Mrs. Juskalian is performing a distinct service to the community through her cooperation in these matters and by her efficient handling of the regular duties of school nurse.

In conclusion I wish to express my appreciation to Mrs. Rose Dewey who faithfully and most efficiently carries out the multitudinous duties of the school office, and to the School Committee for their friendly advise, wise counsel, and encouragement. It is with regret that I learn of the decision by Mrs. Fanny Morey to retire from the Committee at the end of her present term. She has served as a member for over twelve years, part of which time she was Chairman. Mrs. Morey remained loyal to the responsibilities of her office and worked diligently for the best education possible for the boys and girls and young men and young women of Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,
CARL J. PETERSON
Superintendent of Schools

School Financial Report

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOL EXPENDITURES, 1957

GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee		
Salaries	$325.00	
Expenses	70.24	$395.24
Superintendent of Schools		
Salary	6,500.00	
Expenses—including in and out-of-state travel, clerical help, postage, stationery and telephone	4,211.40	
Law Enforcement	25.84	10,737.24
INSTRUCTION		
Teachers' Salaries	118,886.11	
Teachers' Expenses	941.35	
Instructional Supplies	6,599.44	126,426.90
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Janitor Service	11,167.49	
Operation of Expense: Supplies, Telephone, Electricity and Water	5,876.86	
Fuel	6,658.49	23,702.84
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Repairs and Replacements	4,137.57	4,137.57

AUXILIARY AGENCIES		
Promotion of Health	4,448.86	
Transportation	31,955.68	36,404.54
MISCELLANEOUS	672.97	672.97
CAPITAL OUTLAY		
Building Alteration, Grounds and New Equipment	1,029.91	1,029.91
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	5,351.69	5,351.69
LIBRARY	558.06	558.06
Total Cost of Schools		$209,416.96
RECEIPTS: 1957 School Appropriation	$213,625.00	
Balance returned to the town		4,208.04
RECEIPTS—Paid to the town of Belchertown from other sources than local taxation:		
Department of Public Welfare, State Wards	$6,651.45	
School Aid (Chapter 643)	36,251.38	
Transportation	27,949.00	
Superintendent Reimbursement	3,333.33	
Vocational Household Arts	2,216.38	76,401.54
RECAPITULATION		
Total Cost of Schools		$209,416.96
Reimbursement from State		76,401.54
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown, 1957		$133,015.42
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown, 1956		116,677.67

Vocational Education Financial Report

Vocational Education Appropriation, 1957		$4,000.00
Expenses:		
Transportation of Pupils, 1957	$1,435.84	
Tuition of Pupils, 1957	2,558.88	3,994.72
Balance Returned to Town		$5.28
Receipts:		
Reimbursement—Transportation, 1957	$466.55	
Reimbursement—Tuition 1957	1,250.70	1,717.25
Recapitulation:		
Total Cost of Vocational Education	$3,994.72	
Reimbursements from State 1957	1,717.25	
Actual Cost to Town for 1957		2,277.47
Outstanding Vocational Education Bills for 1957 to be paid in 1958		
Transportation 1957	$110.80	
Tuition 1957	1,642.45	
	$1,753.25	

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1957

SCHOOL	GRADES 1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	TOTAL
Cold Spring Sch.	69	55	67	69	61	62							383
Franklin School	18	16	14	10	13	18							89
Center School							76	75					151
High School									72	57	38	25	192
	87	71	81	79	74	80	76	75	72	57	38	25	815

School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 4, 1957 to JUNE 20, 1958

1957

September 4—Wednesday—Schools open for beginning of school year

October 25—Friday—Schools Closed—Hampden County Teachers' Association Convention

November 11—Monday—Schools Closed—Veterans' Day

November 28—Thursday—Schools Closed—Thanksgiving Vacation. Wednesday, November 27: Schools Close, High School 11.30, Elementary 12 noon

December 2—Monday—Schools reopen

December 20—Friday—Schools close for Christmas Vacation. Regular sessions will be held this day

1958

January 2—Thursday—Schools reopen

February 21—Friday—Schools close for Midwinter Vacation

March 3—Monday—Schools reopen

April 4—Friday—Schools Closed—Good Friday

April 25—Friday—Schools Close for Spring Vacation

May 5—Monday—Schools reopen

May 30—Friday—Schools Closed—Memorial Day

June 16—Friday—Elementary Schools close for Summer Vacation

June 20—Friday—High School closes for Summer Vacation

86th Commencement

OF THE

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

June 13

1957

Lawrence Memorial Hall

8:00 P. M.

GRADUATES

Charlene Alyce Barrett
Wayne Alan Cannon
Marion Helen Cook
Richard Harold Cook
Mary Frances Finnerty
Judita Ellen Greenan
William Herbert Hennemann, Jr.
Carol Edith Hill
Marion Harriet Horta
Edward Michael Jusko
Gerald Richard Keller
Caroline Knight
Edward James Landers, Jr.
Marianne Angeline Mathras
Carolyn Alice McCollom
David Henry McCollom
William Joseph McHaffie
George Warren Pittsley
Rosemary Scialla
Suzanne Valliere

PROGRAM

Processional		Margaret Wegiel **Accompanist**
Invocation		Rev. Paul V. Varga
Songs:	"The Lord's Prayer"	*Albert Hay Malotte*
	"You'll Never Walk Alone"	*Hammerstein & Rodgers*
	Seniors	
Salutatory		Marianne Mathras
Songs:	"Battle Hymn of the Republic"	*Julia Ward Howe*
	"To Thee, O Country"	*Julius Eichberg*
	Chorus	
Valedictory		Caroline Knight
Song:	"Give Us This Day"	*Kaye & Day*
	Seniors	
Introduction of speaker of the evening		Carl J. Peterson **Superintendent**
Address		Rev. Charles E. Cobb, St. John's Church, Springfield
Lions Club Scholarship		Royal K. Gay
Arnold C. Martinelli, Jr., Memorial Scholarships		Mrs. Francis P. Loftus
Holland Family Award in memory of Elizabeth H. and Nelson C. Holland		
Presentation of Class to School Committee		Guy E. Harrington **Principal of High School**
Awarding of Diplomas		Fitzhugh L. Turner **Chairman School Committee**
Song:	"The Heavens Resound"	*Andreas Hofer*
	Chorus	
Benediction		Rev. John A. Lacey
Recessional		

Songs directed by Mrs. Clara P. Cook
Accompanist, Margaret Wegiel

SCHOOL PERSONNEL AS OF JAN. 1, 1958

Name	Position	Year Appointed
Carl J. Peterson	Superintendent	1953
Clara M. Cook	Music Supervisor	1948
Joseph Contino	Band Director	1956
Tirzah Juskalian, R. N.	School Nurse	1954
Dr. James L. Collard	School Physician	1911
HIGH SCHOOL		
Guy E. Harrington	Supervising Principal	1943
Marie Bull	English	1957
Robert D. Camp, Jr.	Science—Basketball Coach	1955
Lucille Canavan	Commercial Subjects	1957
Clarence Dobson	Mathematics—General Science	1957
Florence Jackson	Household Arts	1946
James O'Leary	Social Studies—Baseball Coach	1957
Marie Pepin	French and Science	1956
Sophia Pero	Latin and English	1941
Ada Tague	Social Studies	1946
Gerald Tremaine	Mathematics—Social Studies and Driver Education	1952
CENTER SCHOOL	Grades 7 and 8	
Donald E. Geer	Supervising Principal	1950
Bernadette Bowler	Language Arts	1942
Robert Cummings	Mathematics, Science, Physical Education	1956
Stanley Czech	Mathematics and Science	1957
Jean Richardson	Social Studies and English	1957
Helen Renouf	Social Studies and English	1957
COLD SPRING SCHOOL		
Donald E. Geer	Supervising Principal	
Carol Hill	Secretary and Clerk	1957
Doris Gervais	Grade 1	1957
Bertha O'Neil	Grade 1	1957

Camille Dutcher	Grade 2	1957
Irene Orlando	Grade 2	1917
Blanche Austin	Grade 3	1953
Alice Flaherty	Grade 3	1922
Ruth Dobson	Grade 4	1957
Emma Loftus	Grade 4	1948
Mary Foote	Grade 5	1957
Madeleine Lambert	Grade 5	1924
Margaret Austin	Grade 6	1954
William Dickinson	Grade 6	1957
FRANKLIN SCHOOL		
Eleanor Fitzgerald	Principal, and Grades 3-4	1931
Lucy Sullivan	Grades 1-2	1957
Mildred Carter	Grades 5-6	1943
CUSTODIANS		
George Dewey	Cold Spring School	1947
Carl Hagman	Cold Spring School	1954
William Kimball, Jr.	High School, Household Arts and Center School	1950
Peter Dearness	Part-Time Assistant, Center School	1956
Albert Dudek	Franklin School	1950
William Aldrich	Union School	1950
David Dzuris	Part-time Assistant, Cafeteria and Cold Spring School	1957
William Kimball, Jr.	Attendance Officer	1955
CAFETERIA		
Phyllis Mullane	Supervisor	1954
Carol Hill	Bookkeeper	1957
Nellie Dudek	Worker	1954
Della Gray	Worker	1956
Lois Lowe	Worker	1956
Ruby Martin	Worker	1955
Clara Skinner	Worker	1955
Josephine Zobka	Worker	1957

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE		
TAXES		
Levy 1957		
Poll	1,762.00	
Personal	24,044.68	
Real Estate	155,218.86	181,025.54
Levy 1956		
Poll	10.00	
Personal	4,485.98	
Real Estate	16,582.34	21,078.32
Levy 1955		
Real Estate		40.10
Tax Title Redemption		26.61
STATE REIMBURSEMENT:		
School Superintendent	3,333.33	
School Aid Chapt. 70	36,251.38	
School Construction	11,375.00	
Transportation	27,949.70	
Tuition	6,651.45	
Vocational Education-	3,935.63	
In Lieu of taxes	3,877.09	
State Income Tax	3,169.92	
Loss of Taxes	2,806.34	
Corporation Taxes	11,671.89	
O.A.A. Meal Tax	1,423.78	
Department of Health T.B.	15.71	
Department of Agriculture	150.00	
Civilian Defense	250.00	

Director of Standards	11.00	
Temporary Aid & Transportation	89.16	112,961.38
LICENSES & PERMITS		
Licenses		
Alcoholic Beverages	2,405.00	
All other Licenses	284.50	2,689.50
Permits:		
Marriage	68.00	
All other	167.00	235.00
FINES & FORFEITS		
Court Fines	25.35	
Water Liens	52.28	77.63
GRANTS & GIFTS:		
O.A.A.—Federal Grant	20,220.00	
Aid Dependent Children—Fed. Grant	149.00	
Disability—Administration	19.98	
Disability—Federal Grant	943.06	21,332.04
GRANTS FROM STATE:		
O.A.A.	20,568.07	
Dependent Children	———	
Disability	946.16	21,514.23
GRANTS FROM COUNTY		
Dog Fund		838.00
GENERAL REVENUE		
Tailings		109.55
COMMERCIAL REVENUE		
Special Assessments		
Sewer Rental 1957	3,895.00	
Sewer Rental 1956	90.00	3,985.00
PRIVILEGES		
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise 1957	31,900.62	
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise 1956	7,274.21	39,174.83
FARM ANIMAL EXCISE		700.50
DEPARTMENTAL		
Sale of Street Lists	10.00	
Driveway Rent (F. L. Gold)	10.00	
Rent of Town Common Fair Day	200.00	
Rent of Memorial Hall	98.00	
Rent of Town Hall	5.00	

Town Clerk & Coll. Fees	1,765.75	2,088.75
PROTECTION OF PERSONS & PROPERTY		
Forest Fires	1.20	
Sealer Weights & Measures	60.35	
Dog Officer	333.25	394.80
HEALTH & SANITATION		
Reimbursement on Health Bill	29.23	
HIGHWAYS		
Reimbursement from State	18,035.28	
Reimbursement by County	1,000.00	
State Bond Issue	9,000.00	
Road Machinery Earnings	5,985.52	
Flood Relief	7,577.88	41,598.68
CHARITIES		
Reimbursement for Relief		
From Cities & Towns	4.05	
Reimbursement for O.A.A.		
From Individuals—Checks returned	266.03	
Reimbursement for A.D.C.		
From Individuals—Checks returned	26.25	
Reimbursement for D.A.		
From Individuals—Checks returned	23.00	319.33
Veterans Services		
From the State		3,407.40
SCHOOLS:		
School Athletics	463.15	
School Lunch	33,886.15	34,349.30
CEMETERIES:		
Sale of Lots	70.00	
Care of Lots & Graves	702.00	
Bequests	600.00	1,372.00
ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST FUNDS		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	428.75	
Nellie Brown Cemetery Fund	10.00	
Whiting Street Poor Fund	395.80	834.55
INTEREST		
On Deposits	953.71	
On deferred Taxes	485.47	1,439.18

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Anticipation Revenue Loan	40,000.00	40,000.00
AGENCY, TRUST & INVESTMENT		
Agency		
Sporting Licenses	1,962.50	
Dog Licenses for County	1,339.45	
Insurance Reserve	926.82	4,228.77
Trust		
Walter Pratt Private Trust	60.00	
Federal Withholding Tax	25,219.82	
Retirement Deductions	1,845.44	
Teachers' Health Insurance	1,260.06	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	1,636.35	30,021.67
REFUNDS		
O.A.A. Recoveries	6,447.40	
General Relief	828.10	
Disability Recoveries	99.45	
Cash	1.35	
Insurance	75.13	
Cemetery Vandalism	5.00	
Toll Calls	1.95	
Fed. Gov't.—Planning Board Maps	7.00	
Cash Refund (overcharge)	133.50	7,598.88
		573,470.77
Cash on hand January 1, 1957		147,985.47
		$721,456.24

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTMEN:		
Salaries		
John W. Avery, Chairman	325.00	
Charles F. Austin, Member	275.00	
Michael S. Mathras, Member	275.00	875.00
EXPENSES:		
Association Dues	25.00	
Attending Assoc. Meetings & Dinners	24.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	29.24	

Auto Hire	42.51	
Maps of Belchertown from Town Clerk	3.25	
3 Name Plates (Childs Stamp Co.)	13.78	
Lawyers Cooperative Publishing Co.	30.00	
Clerical	5.00	
All others	15.27	188.05
TOWN ACCOUNTANT:		
Salary		650.00
EXPENSES:		
7 Storage Files @ 1.62	11.34	
Lock on Accountant's File	3.50	
Carbon Paper	1.35	
Vouchers	19.58	
1 Binder, Sheets & Folders	27.57	63.34
TREASURER:		
Salary		1,350.00
EXPENSES:		
Printing, Postage & Stationery	269.35	
Bond	155.00	
Clerical Help	190.94	
Mileage to and from Bank	15.06	
Putney Bowes Co.	32.23	
Office Supplies	12.64	
Treasurer's Stamp	2.40	
Copy of State Laws	4.00	
Express Charges	1.68	
Repair of Check Writer	23.50	
All others	30.86	737.68
TAX COLLECTOR:		
Salary		1,600.00
EXPENSE:		
Association Dues	2.00	
Clerical Help	240.50	
Tax Title Expense	6.75	
Pitney Bowes Co.	32.23	
Desk Lamp & Stamp Pad	19.76	
Typewriter Chair & Table	31.45	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	360.77	
Surety Bond	243.50	
All other	4.00	941.08

TOWN CLERK:		
Salary		850.00
EXPENSES:		
Mass. Town Clerk's Asso. Dues	7.50	
Clerical Help	95.50	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	97.95	
Bond	7.50	
Supplementary Pages to Law Books	15.00	
Putney Bowes Co.	32.25	
All other	6.08	261.78
ASSESSORS:		
Salary		
William F. Kimball, Jr., Chairman		
William Aldrich, Member		
George Booth, Member		1,300.00
EXPENSES:		
Assessors' Association Dues	9.00	
Registry of Deeds	81.60	
Printing, Postage, Stationery & Forms	128.67	
Auto hire	15.00	
Clerical Help	291.85	
All other	25.10	560.82
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS		
Registrars	98.01	
Elections Officers	230.20	
Printing, Stationery, etc.	85.07	
Clerical help	93.00	
Street Listing	240.00	
All other	45.00	791.28
CERTIFICATION OF NOTES		2.00
LAW		
Hampshire County Registry of Probate	5.50	
Morse & Morse, Attys.	370.00	375.50
TOWN HALL		
40% of Expenses—60% by School Dept.		
Janitor, Salary	106.00	
Fuel	208.70	
Lights	37.04	
Janitor's Supplies	63.63	
Repairs	324.19	
All other	21.54	761.10

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL

50% of care of hedge, Balance by School Dept.		35.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.		220.20	
Worcester County Electric Co.		119.14	
Repairs in Town Clerk's Office		24.20	
Waterproof Wax		26.25	
Lowering Electric Fixture in Office		8.50	
Hinges for folding seats in hall		10.87	
All other		8.68	452.84

AMERICAN LEGION HEADQUARTERS

Rent for 1957		360.00	
Worcester County Electric Co.		3.80	363.80

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Reimbursements to Ernest M. Gay, Chief

Telephone		95.51	
Stationery & Bookkeeping		62.50	
District Court Fees		36.75	
Fingerprinting		16.00	
Ernest M. Gay, Time	814.50		
Ernest M. Gay, Mileage	305.04		
Andrew T. Sears, Time	385.80		
Andrew T. Sears, Mileage	199.85		
Herbert E. Squires, Time	272.50		
Herbert E. Squires, Mileage	121.17		
Adam Antonovitch, Time	270.50		
Adam Antonovitch, Mileage	151.29		
Francis P. Loftus, Time	239.50		
Francis P. Loftus, Mileage	124.18	3,095.09	

SPECIAL OFFICERS

Robert Anderson	116.06		
James Baker	34.50		
Lester Beaudoin	24.00		
Elwyn Bock	63.50		
Randolph Brown	17.00		
Wallace Chevalier	24.30		
Edward Czech	36.00		
Mabel Depot	191.00		
Royal K. Gay	62.00		
Clarence Hubbard	144.00		
William F. Kimball, Jr.	327.00		

Andrew Sears, Sr.	14.00		
Willard Young, Jr.	33.00	1,086.36	
EXPENSE:			
Association Dues	5.00		
Victor Zabek	27.18		
Chadbourne's Petroleum Prod.	70.60		
Philorene Radio Corp.	71.18		
Purchase of a used typewriter	114.50		
Ambulance Repairs	39.00		
Accident Pictures	10.00		
Arm Patches	57.60		
Sulpha Drug for 5 Officers	3.75		
L. H. Blackmer, Envelopes	5.11		
Lettering Oxygen Tank	3.00		
Jackson's, Film & Bulbs	10.41		
Red Cross First Aid Manuals	11.25		
4 Books License forms	20.00		
Slaven & Gordon, Dry Cleaning	8.75		
All other	3.47	460.80	4,642.25
SPECIAL FUND, REPAIR OF POLICE CAR			68.35

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salary		
Chief, Joseph Kempkes	400.00	
EXPENSES:		
Association Dues	3.00	
Mass. Fire Chiefs Asso. Dues	5.00	
Philorene Radio Corp.	29.46	
New England Tel & Tel.	390.40	
Worcester County Electric Co	79.60	
Victor J. Zabek	445.56	
H. E. Kimball & Sons	37.55	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Prod.	479.65	
Henneman's Esso Servicenter	97.84	
Repairs & Painting of Station	203.95	
Walkie-Talkie Set, one half of cost	720.00	
Dominick Auto Parts (chargers)	21.30	
Snow Plowing at Station	20.00	
Aubuchon Paint & Hardware Co	6.20	
Red Cross First Aid Manuals	11.50	
All other	9.25	2,960.26

FOREST FIRE ACCOUNT		
Payroll Sundry Persons	1,132.55	
Permits for Outdoor Fires	261.80	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Prod.	37.05	
Henneman's Esso Servicenter	7.15	
Allen & Shumway, Servicing Oil Burner	10.00	
Repairs & Painting Station	165.35	
All other	3.56	1,617.46
HYDRANT SERICE		
Belchertown Water District		1,500.00
MOTH SUPPRESSION		
Edward Conkey. Supt.	24.00	
Albert Brown	240.00	264.00
DUTCH ELM DISEASE		
Edward Conkey, Supt.	202.50	
All other Labor		
Albert Brown	700.00	
Edward Schmidt	12.00	
David Hodgen	67.85	
C. McGuinnis	8.10	
Donald Bock	9.45	
Pioneer Valley Spray Service	420.00	
All other Labor	79.40	1,499.30
TREE WARDEN:		
Edward Conkey, Supt.	421.19	
David Hodgen	127.70	
Albert Brown	620.80	
Pernette Bracey	10.80	
Donald Bock	8.10	
C. McGinnis	10.80	1,199.39
SEALER WEIGHTS & MEASURES		
Raymond Gay		100.00
INSPECTOR OF WIRES		
Stanley Pietryka		150.00
CIVILIAN DEFENSE		
Director, David A. Staples	600.00	
David A. Staples, Travel Exp.	12.60	
EXPENDITURES		
Used Typewriter	75.00	
Surplus Goods	56.82	

18 White Fiberglass Hats	89.10	
New England Tel & Tel Co.	121.20	
Worcester County Electric Co.	10.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	23.00	
Medical Supplies	2.14	
Work on Bulletin Board, E. Whitehouse	15.00	
Material, moving C. D. Headquarters	36.20	
Carpenter Work, E. Whitehouse	62.00	1,103.06
BOARD OF HEALTH		
SALARY		
AGENT	500.00	
EXPENSE		
Polio Clinic, Dr. Collard	139.51	
Asian Flu Administration	82.47	
Printing, Forms, Stationery, etc.	81.99	
Postage	13.58	
Mileage of Chairman	51.33	
Tuberculosis Board & Treatment	932.50	
Clerical	25.00	
Inspection of Slaughtering, C. Hubbard	147.00	
Dr. Francis Austin, Inspector	300.00	2,273.38
SEWERS MAINTENANCE		
Salaries		
D. Donald Hazen, Chairman	100.00	
Milton C. Baggs	75.00	
Ella Stebbins	25.00	
Salaries and Wages, Sundry Persons	304.25	
Town Trucks	32.25	
Hired Equipment	174.00	
Tighe & Bond, Plans & Specifications	187.44	
Johnson Asbestos Co.	75.08	
Allen & Shumway	6.64	
Bituminous Concrete	66.00	
Simplex Valve & Meter Co.	14.39	
J. F. McDermott Co.	413.99	
Ryther & Warren Co.	16.28	
Raymond C. Gay, Express	8.38	
Belchertown State School Disposal	2,050.21	
All other	7.41	3,556.32
HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 81		
Labor, Sundry Persons	16,540.74	

Material	6,040.02	
Town Equipment	4,602.47	
Hired Equipment	7,010.46	
Insurance	951.82	35,145.51
HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90C		
Supt. E. F. Shumway	729.35	
Supt. E. F. Shumway, tending lights	75.00	
Payroll, Sundry Persons	1,875.26	
Material	13,111.66	
Hired Equipment	9,827.50	
All other	9.00	25,627.77
HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90M		
Payroll, Sundry Persons	856.46	
Material	1,583.70	
Hired Equipment	554.60	
AMHERST ROAD		
Payroll, Sundry Persons	1,172.95	
Material	377.99	
Hired Equipment	454.30	5,000.00
HIGHWAYS, SNOW REMOVAL		
Payroll, Sundry Persons	2,350.21	
Town Equipment	66.50	
Material, Sand, Salt, etc.	3,374.86	5,791.57
HIGHWAYS, STREETS		
Payroll, Sundry Persons	764.08	
Hired Equipment	118.25	
Gravel and Sand	757.14	
All other	4.80	1,644.27
HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES		
Payroll, Sundry Persons	525.90	
Lumber	464.93	
Ryther & Warren, Nails, etc.	71.70	
New England Culvert Co.	1,189.74	
All others	479.70	2,731.97
HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS		
Ryther & Warren Co.	1.81	
Payroll, Sundry Persons	24.40	26.21
ROAD MACHINERY EXPENSE		
New England Tel. & Tel.	44.05	

Worcester County Electric Co.	14.00	
Payroll, Sundry Persons	318.45	
Material	5,365.27	
Fuel Tax	81.15	
Hired Equipment	21.35	
Repairs to Plow	32.50	
Repairs to Oil Burner	12.00	
First Aid Kits	39.00	
Insulating Town Barn	85.25	
Canvas	14.00	
First Aid Supplies	15.00	
All other	31.25	6,073.27

HIGHWAYS, SHEA AVENUE

Payroll, Sundry Persons	406.99	
Material	13.96	
Hired Equipment	329.05	750.00

HIGHWAYS, COLD SPRING ROAD

Payroll, Sundry Persons	159.02	
Material	51.98	
Hired Equipment	289.00	500.00

HIGHWAYS, GEORGE HANNUM STREET

Payroll, Sundry Persons	58.80	
Material	657.05	
Hired Equipment	284.15	1,000.00

HIGHWAYS, SABIN STREET

Payroll, Sundry Persons	225.00	
Material	262.40	
Hired Equipment	512.60	1,000.00

HIGHWAYS, CHAPT. 718, SPRINGFIELD ROAD

Payroll, Sundry Persons	370.00	
Material	313.90	
Town Equipment	187.00	
Hired Equipment	1,772.35	2,643.25

HIGHWAYS, CHAPT. 718, ROCKRIMMON ROAD

Payroll, Sundry Persons	360.80	
Material	631.07	
Town Equipment	154.00	
Hired Equipment	648.65	1,794.52

HIGHWAYS, CHAPT. 718, NORTH WASHINGTON ST.

Payroll, Sundry Persons	433.60	

Material	177.59	
Town Equipment	133.00	
Hired Equipment	1,053.90	1,798.09
STREET LIGHTING		
Worcester County Electric Co., Contract		3,188.00
WATER LIENS		
LIENS	50.00	
Interest & Fees	2.28	52.28
CLEANING & REPAIRING WATER HOLES		
Payroll, Sundry Persons		315.70
PUBLIC WELFARE		
Salaries		
Chairman	175.00	
Member	125.00	
Member	125.00	425.00
GENERAL RELIEF		
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District		1,675.00
Aid dependent Children—Town Approp.	15.25	
Disability Assistance—Town Approp.	1,376.93	
Old Age Assistance—Town Approp.	33,104.59	34,496.77
DISABILITY, FEDERAL GRANTS		
Assistance	1,018.20	
AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN, FEDERAL GRANTS		
Assistance	286.60	
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, FEDERAL GRANTS		
Assistance	23,438.39	24,743.19
VETERANS' AID		
Ordinary Benefits	3,306.80	
Fuel	389.00	
Doctor	209.90	
Medicine	150.07	
Hospital	170.34	
2 Emergency Food Orders	32.00	
Household Help for Ill Vets' Wife	230.00	
Household Help for Ill Vets' Widow	20.00	
Glasses for Wife & Child of Vet.	32.00	
Office Supplies, Stamps, etc.	4.50	
Association Dues	2.00	
Salary	150.00	4,731.61

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE RECOVERIES			
Atty. Kenneth B. Bowen for Services			5.00
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT			
Salary			
Chairman	125.00		
Member	100.00		
Member	100.00	325.00	
School Committee Expense			
Association Dues	7.50		
3 Binders	7.74		
Comm. of Mass.	55.00	70.24	395.24
Superintendent's Salary	6,500.00		
Superintendent's Travel	499.20		
Superintendent's Expense	786.53		
Superintendent's Secretary	2,817.31		
Extra Clerical Help	890.18		
Teachers' Salaries	118,822.91		
Teachers' Expense	308.39		
Household Arts, Salary	3,810.95		
Household Arts Expense	980.32		
Instructional Expense	6,699.73		
Janitors' Salaries	11,213.64		
Janitors' Expense	6,309.96		
Nurse's Salary	3,447.38		
Nurse's Travel	400.00		
Dr. James L. Collard	350.00		
Health Expense	249.72		
Fuel	6,658.49		
Repairs & Replacements	3,653.84		
Rubbish Removal	289.00		
Transportation	31,823.68		
Transp. to Musical Festival	90.00		
Transp. to B.B. Games	42.00		
New Equipment	173.55		
Capital Outlay	856.36		
60% of Town Hall Repairs	253.48		
Library	541.77		
Adult Education	72.00		
Miscellaneous	481.33	209,021.72	209,021.71
			$209,416.96

SCHOOL LUNCH		
Payroll, Sundry Persons	11,503.06	
Transportation of Food	674.00	
Bills for food supplies	22,376.83	34,553.89
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
Tuition	2,076.38	
Transportation	1,895.84	
Practical Arts Course	22.50	3,994.72
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FUND		
Transportation	242.00	
Referee	80.00	
Police	27.00	
Umpire	25.00	
1 doz. baseballs	28.00	
Chevrons	7.91	
Village Laundry	10.45	
All other	7.50	427.86
NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EQUIPMENT FUND		
1 ladder		17.25
NEW ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING FUND		
A. Girard	42.10	
H. B. Ketchen & Son	23.40	
Aubuchon Paint & Hardware Co.	4.44	
Wilson's, 1 skylight	313.00	395.02
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL BUILDING FUND		
David Hodgen	12.00	
Isaac Hodgen	193.50	
Edward Schmidt	407.00	
Nelson Hill	16.00	
Ryther & Warren Co.	27.84	656.34
CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
To Library Trustees	838.00	
Fuel	195.45	
J. Holcomb, Waterproof Wax	26.25	
Washing & Waxing Floor	12.00	
Books and Magazines	433.29	
Lights	33.00	
All other	26.25	1,564.24
UNCLASSIFIED		
Town Report	90.00	

Town Maps	49.60	
Finance Committee Assoc. Dues	15.00	
E. S. Cordner, Reimbursement for expense to Assoc. Meetings	21.00	
Printing Street List	25.50	
Printing of Town Report	544.00	
Mimeograph Paper	14.46	
Binding 5 Volumes of Town Reports	17.50	777.06
PARSONS RECREATION FIELD		
Worcester County Electric Co.	12.00	
David Hodgen, Mowing	105.00	
Ryther & Warren	1.35	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Prod.	3.00	121.35
TOWN COMMON		
Worcester County Electric Co.	46.40	
David Hodgen, Mowing	90.00	136.40
RADIO TRANSMITTER & RECEIVER SET FOR POLICE		500.00
PLANNING BOARD		
U. S. Dept. of Agric. Maps of Belchertown	45.00	
Association Dues	20.00	
Registrar of Deeds	4.00	
Henry Renouf, Meeting of Mass. Planning Bd.	17.52	
Russell Snow, mapping of Town	290.00	
Russell Snow,	90.00	
Lewis H. Blackmer, printing, advertising	131.90	598.42
1956 UNPAID BILLS		
Chemical Corp.	854.00	
Anderson Engineering Co.	89.40	
Anderson Engineering	3.60	
Worcester County Electric Co.	16.00	
S. P. Puffer	273.00	
Hampshire County Sanatorium	33.00	1,269.00
WAR MEMORIAL		
Deposit in Ludlow Savings Bank		500.00
REVALUATION OF TOWN PROPERTY		
Town Maps	50.00	
Clerical	11.50	
M. Hanifin, Postmaster	33.24	
National Association, Inc.	9,440.00	9,561.24

PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEM FOR MEMORIAL HALL		500.00
MEMORIAL DAY		
Jackson's, Flags	32.50	
Ice Cream	14.40	
Belchertown Farms	10.00	
L. H. Blackmer	4.25	
Speaker	10.00	
Kelly the Florist	12.00	
Belchertown School Band	116.85	200.00
VETERANS' DAY		
Kelly the Florist	57.00	
Belchertown School Band	3.00	60.00
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT		2,052.35
PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF DISCHARGES		10.95
TOWN CLOCK		
Frank Scialla		100.00
TOWN DUMP		
Bob Nutting	65.00	
Ralph Miller	104.25	
A. Bronner	75.00	
Sundry persons	98.50	342.75
REGIONAL SCHOOL PLANNING BOARD		
Clerical	10.00	
Fitzhugh Turner to Boston Meeting	14.40	24.40
CEMETERIES		
Charles F. Austin, Wages	224.50	
Charles F. Austin, Equipment	715.25	
L. A. Cook, Wages	206.25	
L. A. Cook, Equipment	401.25	
Michael F. Shea, Wages	166.75	
William Chevalier	13.13	
Norman Wilson	85.00	
Robert Wilson	49.75	
Material		
Ryther & Warren Co.	9.50	
Grass Shears	2.75	
White Paint	1.65	
Grass Seed	5.20	
Loam	39.00	

Belchertown Water District	10.80	
Clarence Robinson, removing tree	5.00	
Cedar Posts	25.00	1,960.78
SOLDIERS' GRAVES		
Grave Markers	80.60	
Express on Markers	2.21	
Mowing grass	97.00	179.81
SUMMER RECREATION PROGRAM		
James Fenton, 1 set bases	12.95	
Wages	16.80	
T. V. Pratt & Son	6.25	
Deborah Morse, Swimming Director	150.00	
Susan Morse, Assistant	25.00	
Andrew Sears	25.00	
Adam Antonovitch	3.00	
Edmond Blaine, 1 home plate	8.60	
Lumber for Float at Beach	28.80	
Oil Drums for float at beach	15.00	291.40
INSURANCE		7,893.70
INTEREST		
On Maturing Debt	7,621.00	
On Temporary Loan	246.11	7,867.11
MATURING DEBT		
Sewer Loan 1949	2,000.00	
School Bonds 1952	9,000.00	
School Bonds 1952	12,000.00	
Fire Equipment Loan 1953	2,000.00	26,000.00
TRUST FUNDS		
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	1,636.35	
Washington National Insurance	1,262.97	
Hampshire County Retirement System	1,845.44	
Walter Pratt Private Trust Fund	55.00	4,799.76
AGENCY		
Withholding Taxes	25,219.82	
State Parks & Reservations	1,108.80	
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	409.57	26,738.19
County of Hampshire		
County Tax	13,537.30	
Dog Licenses	1,343.05	
Dog Officers' Fees	326.75	

Sporting Licenses	1,962.50	17,169.60
REFUNDS		
1956 Real Estate	77.17	
1957 Poll, Personal & Real	461.37	
1956 M.V.	368.92	
1957 M.V.	1,697.50	2,604.96
Whiting Street Poor Fund		395.80
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund		273.17
TEMPORARY LOAN		40,000.00
CEMETERY PERPETUAL CARE		
Ludlow Savings Bank		1,200.00
NELLIE BROWN CEMETERY FUND		10.00
		599,656.39
Cash on hand December 31, 1957		121,799.85
		$721,456.24

I hereby certify the foregoing information to be complete and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Fanny G. Morey,
Town Accountant

Report of Finance Committee

Account	Total Exp. 1957	Requested 1958	Recomm'd 1958
Selectmen			
Chairman	$325.00	$375.00	$375.00
Clerk	275.00	325.00	325.00
Other Member	275.00	325.00	325.00
Expenses	188.05	200.00	200.00
Town Accountant			
Salary	650.00	750.00	750.00
Expenses	63.34	75.67	75.00
Town Treasurer			
Salary	1,350.00	1,350.00	1,350.00
Expenses	737.68	832.00	832.00
Town Collector			
Salary	1,600.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Expenses	941.08	1,004.00	1,004.00
Town Clerk			
Salary	850.00	850.00	850.00
Expenses	261.78	348.50	348.00
Assessors			
Chairman	500.00	500.00	500.00
Other Member	400.00	2,000.00	400.00
Other Member	400.00	400.00	400.00
Expenses	560.82	650.00	1,450.00
Election and Registration	791.28	1,775.00	1,775.00
Certification of Notes	2.00	10.00	10.00
Law	375.50	400.00	400.00
Town Hall	761.10	1,000.00	1,000.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall	452.84	450.00	450.00
American Legion Hdqtrs.	363.80	400.00	400.00
Police	4,642.25	5,495.00	5,200.00
Fire Department	2,960.26	2,900.00	2,900.00
Forest Fires	1,617.46	1,500.00	1,500.00
Hydrant Service	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Moth Suppression	264.00	600.00	600.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,499.30	1,500.00	800.00
Tree Warden	1,199.39	1,200.00	1,200.00
Sealer of Wgts. & Measures	100.00	100.00	100.00
Inspector of Wires (Salary)	150.00	300.00	300.00
Civil Defense	1,103.06	1,197.00	1,197.00

Account	Total Exp. 1957	Requested 1958	Recomm'd 1958
		Salaries	350.00
Health	2,273.38	3,101.00	2,150.00
Sewers—Maintenance	3,556.32	3,600.00	3,600.00
Highways—Snow	5,791.57	6,000.00	6,000.00
Highways—Streets	1,644.27	1,500.00	1,500.00
Highways—Bridges	2,731.97	2,717.50	3,000.00
Highways—Sidewalks	26.21	250.00	250.00
Water Holes	315.70	300.00	300.00
Street Lights	3,188.00	3,188.00	3,188.00
Veterans' Aid	4,731.61	5,350.00	5,300.00
Public Welfare			
Salaries—Chairman	175.00	175.00	175.00
Other Member	125.00	125.00	125.00
Other Member	125.00	125.00	125.00
Public Welfare District	1,675.00	1,785.00	1,785.00
Public Welfare—General Relief	229.89	2,000.00	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	33,104.00	37,000.00	34,000.00
Disability Assistance	1,376.93	3,550.00	3,000.00
Aid to Dependent Children	15.25	850.00	750.00
Schools			
General Control		11,255.00	11,255.00
Instruction		143,831.00	141,673.20
Operation of Schools		25,008.00	23,808.00
Repairs and Replacements		3,745.00	3,960.00
Transportation		33,300.00	33,300.00
Health		4,595.00	4,500.00
Miscellaneous		755.00	755.00
Household Arts		5,602.00	5,602.00
Capital Outlay		2,300.00	2,000.00
Library		550.00	550.00
Totals	209,416.96	230,941.00	227,403.20
Vocational Education	3,994.72	6,000.00	6,000.00
Clapp Memorial Library	1,564.24	700.00	700.00
Parsons Recreation Field	121.35	350.00	350.00
Summer Recreation Program	291.40	350.00	350.00
Insurance	7,893.90	12,230.00	11,303.08
Memorial Day	200.00	200.00	200.00
Veterans' Day	60.00	60.00	60.00
Photostats of Discharges	10.95	10.00	10.00
Town Dump	342.75	350.00	350.00
Town Clock	100.00	100.00	100.00
Belchertown Common	136.40	350.00	350.00
Unclassified	777.06	800.00	800.00

Account	Total Exp. 1957	Requested 1958	Recomm'd 1958
Reserve Fund	3,418.30	5,000.00	5,000.00
Cemeteries	1,960.78	1,500.00	1,500.00
Soldiers' Graves	179.81	250.00	250.00
Interest	7,867.11	7,550.00	7,550.00
Maturing Debt	26,000.00	25,000.00	25,000.00
Retirement Payments	1,845.44	2,006.05	2,006.05
War Memorial ($4,755.60)	500.00	300.00	300.00
Planning Board	598.42	1,227.00	1,000.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ON ARTICLES IN 1958 ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT

Art. 3.	Approve
Art. 4.	Approve—$35,325.00
Art. 5.	Approve—$15,000.00
Art. 6.	Approve—$5,000.00
Art. 7.	Approve
Art. 8.	Approve
Art. 9.	Approve
Art. 10.	Approve
Art. 11.	Approve
Art. 12.	Approve
Art. 13.	Approve
Art. 14.	Approve
Art. 15.	Approve
Art. 16.	Approve—$361.80
Art. 17.	Approve—$215.00
Art. 18.	Not approved
Art. 19.	Approve—$4,000.00
Art. 20.	Approve—$5,000.00
Art. 21.	Approve—$2,900.00
Art. 22.	Approve—$900.00
Art. 23.	Approve—$1,000.00
Art. 24.	Approve—$700.00
Art. 25.	As recommended
Art. 26.	Approve—$3,198.01
Art. 27.	Approve—$700,00
Art. 28.	Approve—$500,00
Art. 29.	Approve—$900.00
Art. 30.	Approve—$400.00
Art. 31.	Approve—$900.00
Art. 32.	Approve—$900.00
Art. 33.	Approve—$900.00
Art. 34.	Approve—$500.00
Art. 35.	Approve—$500.00
Art. 36.	Approve—$500.00
Art. 37.	Approve—$325.00
Art. 38.	Approve—$412.00
Art. 39.	Approve—$18.00
Art. 40.	Approve—$18.00
Art. 41.	Approve—$628.38
Art. 42.	Approve
Art. 43.	Approve—$800.00
Art. 44.	$2,000.00 not app.
Art. 45.	Approve—$1,200.00
Art. 46.	Approve—$1,000.00
Art. 47.	Approve
Art. 48.	Approve
Art. 49.	Approve
Art. 50.	Not approved

ISAAC A. HODGEN, Chm.
STANFORD J. HARRINGTON
JOSEPH F. FLANAGAN
BERNARD BOWLER
ELLIOTT S. CORDNER
Finance Committee

Town Warrant

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 3 AND 10, 1958

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To any of the constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, **GREETING:**

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday, the third day of February, A. D. 1958, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit, a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Tree Warden, a Board of Health member, and five constables, each for one year; one Board of Health member for two years; a Town Treasurer, a Selectmen, a School Committee member, a Cemetery Commissioner, a Sewer Commissioner, an Assessor, a Board of Health member, each for three years; one Planning Board member for five years.

The polls will be open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at seven o'clock in the evening.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the tenth day of February, A. D. 1958, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committee that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, Program of 1958, on Chauncey D. Walker Street (Route 21—Turkey Hill Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will authorize the payment of $325 for the salaries of the School Committee for the ensuing year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed $1.25 per hour for the year 1958, as provided for in the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to authorize the payment of $200 for salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the ensuing year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to allow the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the town sewer system at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1958, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $926.92 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1958, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three persons to determine what action should be taken to procure additional office space for the various town offices, said committee to thoroughly investigate the feasibility of either constructing, remodeling, or purchasing additional space, and to report back with their recommendations as soon as ready and not later than the Annual Town meeting of 1959, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 21 of the General Laws, to adopt an order for the requiring of all town officers, elected and appointed, to pay all fees received by them by virtue of their office into the town treasury, such payment of fees into the town treasury to be made not later than the fifth day following the preceding month, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to instruct the town clerk to search the records for all By-laws, Orders, Adoption and/or acceptance of Chapters of the General Laws and Board of Health Regulations. After so gathering said By-laws, Adoptions, Orders and Regulations, the Town Clerk to then see that they are printed in booklet form in a sufficient quantity to provide for the distribution of same. Distribution to include one copy to each elected or appointed town officer and to other interested persons that may request a copy in person at the office of the Town Clerk, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase an electric adding machine for the use of the Collector of Taxes, Town Treasurer, and Board of Assessors, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a duplicating machine (spirit type) for the use of the various town officers, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a Verifax printing machine, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to instruct the selectmen to sell or trade a 1953 Ford dump truck, as is and to use the proceeds towards the purchase of a new dump truck, and further that a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account be made available to pay the balance of such purchase, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase a Sander, and further, that a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account be made available for such purchase, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase a snow plow blade for the grader, and further, that a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account be made available for such purpose, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase a used truck for use with the sander mentioned in Article 21, and further, that a sum of money from the Road Machinery Earnings Account be made available for such purpose, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of two additional town offices in the basement of Lawrence Memorial Hall (Recreation Room) or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current financial year, and act thereon.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1957:

Jackson's Store—Police	$12.96
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products—Police	34.54
Robert Anderson—Police	2.00
Willard Young—Police	14.00
Andrew T. Sears—Police	28.20
Ernest M. Gay—Police	68.70
Lester Beaudoin—Police	12.00
Royal K. Gay—Police	12.00
William F. Kimball, Jr.—Police	28.00
Herbert E. Squires—Police	23.30
James Baker—Police	8.00
Edward Czech—Police	15.00
Worcester County Electric Co.—Road Machinery Expense	11.40
Rowe's Garage, Inc.—Road Machinery Expense	24.80
Socony Mobil Oil Co., Inc.—Road Machinery Expense	105.28
Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency—Insurance	947.89
Worcester County Electric Co.—Legion Headquarters	2.00
Hampshire County Sanatorium—Health	69.75
Kenneth L. Collard, M. D.—Health	25.00
Transportation—Vocational Education (payable to sundry pupils)	110.80
Springfield Trade Day School—Vocational Education	720.00

Springfield Trade Evening School—Vocational Education	142.75
Holyoke Trade Day School—Vocational Education	102.50
Holyoke Trade Evening School—Vocational Education	9.00
New Salem Academy Day School—Vocational Education	355.00
Smith School, Northampton—Vocational Education	313.14

Art. 27 To see if the town will vote to surface Shea Avenue, a public way, with permanent type construction, and to further see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for this project, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 28 To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of Sabin Street, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of George Hannum Street, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of Cold Spring Road, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of South Street, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of a section of South Washington Street, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of Munsell Road and Gold Street, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a sidewalk on a section of Franklin Street, a public way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the further extension of the sidewalk on North Washington Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improvement of the sidewalk on Mill Valley

Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 37. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of street lights as follows:

Pole No. 31, North Main Street, 6,000 Lumen Light
Pole No. 32, Federal Street, 6,000 Lumen Light
Pole No. 34, Federal Street, 6,000 Lumen Light
Pole No. 1, Sargent Street, 6,000 Lumen Light
Pole No. 1, Daniel Shays Highway, 6,000 Lumen Light, and to remove
Pole No. 32, Federal Street, the 1,000 Lumen light now in use, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to make the following changes in the street lighting program in the South Belchertown section of town, and to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money necessary to make these changes:

Depot Street—install 6,800 Lumen Mercury Vapor lamps on poles No. 8, 10 and 14, and install 3,300 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lamps on poles No. 2, 4, 6 and 12, and to remove 4 1,000 Lumen Lamps on poles No. 3, 5, 7 and 10.

Franklin Street—install 6,800 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lamp on pole No. 9 and 3,300 Lumen Mercury Lamps on poles No. 11, 13 and 15, and to remove 2 1,000 Lumen Lamps located on poles No. 9 and 15.

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 39. To see if the town will vote to install a 1,000 watt street lamp on pole No. 27, Sargent Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to install a 1,000 Lumen street lamp on pole No. 4, South Main Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the recording in Land Court of the sewer right of way crossing land formerly owned by Fannie Endelson and now owned by George Jackson, such recording representing a fee owed to John T. Casey, Registered Land Surveyor of Ware, and in the amount of $628.38, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 42. To see if the town will pay twenty-five percent (25%) of the expense of laying out and constructing a sewer pipe line or lines in Chadbourne Street and Lloyd Avenue, and instruct the Sewer Commissioners to assess the balance of said expense upon the owners of land benefited by said sewer line or lines by a fixed uniform rate, based upon the frontage of said land on said way or ways in which said sewer line or lines are constructed, all as provided by Section 15 of Chapter 83 of the General Laws, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 43. To see if the town will borrow the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) payable in not over ten (10) years, and appropriate said sum thus borrowed, together with the sum of eight hundred dollars ($800.00) to be raised by taxation, for the cost of laying out and constructing a sewer pipe line or lines in Chadbourne Street and Lloyd Avenue, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to allow the Board of Assessors to appoint one of their members Clerk of the Board of Assessors at a salary not to exceed $2,000.00, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Assessors to perform and complete work in connection with the revaluation of taxable property in town and to receive compensation therefor, but not to exceed the sum of twelve hundred dollars ($1,200.00) in accordance with the provisions of Section 4A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, said compensation to be paid from the appropriation previously voted by the town for an expert appraisal of taxable property in the town, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of water-proofing a portion of the exterior of the High School building, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 47. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three persons, two of whom should be active members of the building trades, said committee to inspect all town buildings. and determine what repairs and renovations are necessary at the present time and to report their findings to the Board of Selectmen not later than December 1, 1958, in order to set up a maintenance program which can be considered at the next annual town meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 48. To see if the town will vote to accept from Ernest Ducharme, Inc. a newly laid out street known as Daniel Square, extending from Stebbins Street Northerly a distance of four hundred fifty-five (455) feet, and forty feet wide; Westerly six hundred and fifty-eight (658) feet, and forty feet wide; as shown on a layout plan by John J. McCool, dated November, 1954, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Northampton, Mass,. and further, that these streets shall be accepted as public highways and designated as Daniel Square, as presently named, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 49. To see if the town will vote to have the annual statement of financial transactions required of the Town Accountant under Article IV, Section 1, of our town By-laws furnished for 1958 and subsequent years in the same detailed manner as published in the 1953 Town Report and previous years, or take any action thereon.

Art. 50. To see if the town will vote to adopt and enact the following order:

> Ordered that the By-laws of the Town of Belchertown as amended, be and hereby are further amended by inserting in Article II, thereof, the following new section, to be entitled "Section IIA", viz:
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> > Section IIA. If after the Moderator has made public declaration of a vote pursuant to General Law (Ter. Ed.) Chapter 39, Sec. 15, the vote so declared is immediately questioned by seven or more voters, a new vote shall be immediately taken on the question by secret written, or so-called Australian ballot. Three Tellers shall be appointed by the Moderator to count the ballots, and the Moderator shall make public declaration of the result of the secret written ballot.

Art. 51. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, one at Union School at Dwight, and one at Keyes' Hotel at South Belchertown, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this seventeenth day of January A. D. 1958.

JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
Selectmen of Belchertown

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Town Officers, 1958

ELECTED

Name	*Office*	*Term Expires*
	MODERATOR	
Henry Renouf		Feb. 1959
	TOWN CLERK	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		Feb. 1959
	SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF WELFARE	
John W. Avery		Feb. 1959
Michael S. Mathras		Feb. 1960
Charles F. Austin		Feb. 1961
	TREASURER	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		Feb. 1961
	TAX AND TOWN COLLECTOR	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		Feb. 1959
	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Walter P. Piper		Feb. 1959
Fitzhugh L. Turner, Jr.		Feb. 1960
Harold W. Willey		Feb. 1961
	PLANNING BOARD	
William E. Aldrich		Feb. 1959
Richard D. N. Dickinson		Feb. 1960
George B. Jackson		Feb. 1961
Henry Renouf		Feb. 1962
Milton R. Locke		Feb. 1963

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS

Charles F. Austin	Feb. 1959
Michael F. Shea	Vacated
Lincoln A. Cook	Feb. 1961

ASSESSORS

Romeo J. Joyal (Unexpired term)	Feb. 1959
William F. Kimball, Jr.	Feb. 1960
Elliott S. Cordner	Feb. 1961

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

D. Donald Hazen	Feb. 1959
Milton C. Baggs	Feb. 1960
Helen L. Papp	Feb. 1961

TREE WARDEN

Albert W. Brown	Feb. 1959

BOARD OF HEALTH

Michael S. Mathras	Feb. 1959
Raymond C. Gay	Feb. 1960
Kenneth L. Collard, M. D.	Feb. 1961

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET AND MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUNDS

Ruth B. Fuller	Feb. 1959
Sophia M. Pero	Feb. 1959

TRUSTEES OF CALVIN D. BRIDGMAN FUND

Lewis H. Blackmer	Feb. 1959
George A. Poole	Feb. 1960
D. Donald Hazen	Feb. 1961

CONSTABLES

Adam L. Antonovitcvh	Feb. 1959
Ernest M. Gay	Feb. 1959
Frank P. Loftus	Feb. 1959
Andrew T. Sears	Feb. 1959
Herbert E. Squires	Feb. 1959

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Appointed by Selectmen

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Fanny G. Morey (App. 12-1-58)	Dec. 1, 1961

FIRE CHIEF (Acting)

Louis E. Fuller	Feb. 1959

POLICE CHIEF

Ernest M. Gay	Feb. 1959

FOREST WARDEN

Louis E. Fuller	Feb. 1959

POLICE CHIEF, DEPUTY

Andrew T. Sears	Feb. 1959

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Bernard J. Bowler	Feb. 1959
Ira Shattuck (Unex. term)	Feb. 1959
Joseph Flanagan	Feb. 1960
Stanford J. Harrington	Feb. 1961
Sidney Wheeler (Unex. term)	Feb. 1959

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Roy G. Shaw (Republican)	Feb. 1959
Alice M. Flaherty (Democrat)	Feb. 1960
Raymond T. Beaudoin (Democrat)	Feb. 1961

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Joseph A. Kulig	Feb. 1959

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Raymond C. Gay	Feb. 1959

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Albert W. Brown	Feb. 1959

VETERANS' AGENT

Fanny G. Morey	Resigned, acting

APPEALS BOARD

Louis E. Fuller	
Aubrey Lapolice	
Frederick Owen	Feb. 1961
Robert T. Braden	Feb. 1961
Harold E. Kimball	

DOG OFFICER

Wallace F. Chevalier	Feb. 1959

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Walter Henry, Jr.	Feb. 1959

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ernest Ducharme	Feb. 1859

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

John V. Nelson	Feb. 1959

TRUSTEE FOR HAMPSHIRE CO. AID TO AGRICULTURE

Robert E. Hanifin	Feb. 1959

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Donald Terry	Feb. 1959
Raymond C. Gay	Feb. 1959

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Chester Dzwonkowski	Feb. 1959
David E. Fournier	Feb. 1959
Adam Antonovitch	Feb. 1959
Elwyn Bock	Feb. 1959

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Harry L. Ryther	Feb. 1959
H. Morgan Ryther	Feb. 1959
Arthur Brooks	Feb. 1959
Walter Tolpa, Jr.	Feb. 1959
Harold Cook	Feb. 1959

SPECIAL POLICE

Robert Anderson	Feb. 1959
James Baker	Feb. 1959
Lester Beaudoin	Feb. 1959
Elwyn Bock	Feb. 1959
Randolph Brown	Feb. 1959
Edward Czech	Feb. 1959
Royal Gay	Feb. 1959
Merton Pratt	Feb. 1959
William Squires	Feb. 1959
Willard Young, Jr.	Feb. 1959
Chester Dzwonkowski	Feb. 1959
Mabel Depot (School Traffic)	Feb. 1959
William F. Kimball, Jr. (School Traffic)	Feb. 1959
A. Preston Atwood (School Traffic)	Feb. 1959

SPECIAL POLICE FOR FAIR DAY

E. F. Shumway
Fred Lincoln
Charles F. Austin
Nelson Hill
W. Paige Piper
W. S. Piper
Charles Sanford
Donald Terry
Roy G. Shaw

PUBLIC WEIGHERS (State School only)

Earl G. D. Allis	Feb. 1959
Paul T. Austin	Feb. 1959
Randolph H. Brown	Feb. 1959
John E. Davis	Feb. 1959
John T. Flaherty	Feb. 1959
Julius Goodman	Feb. 1959
C. Lawrence Rhodes	Feb. 1959
Paul P. Foran	Feb. 1959
Leon M. Hislop	Feb. 1959
Charles W. Kern	Feb. 1959
H. Conrad Kirby	Feb. 1959

Aubrey Lapolice	Feb. 1959
Frank Lashway	Feb. 1959
Donald L. Morey	Feb. 1959
Daniel P. Shea	Feb. 1959
Wendell C. McGinnis	Feb. 1959
Walter F. McKillop	Feb. 1959
John B. Nadeau	Feb. 1959
Patrick J. Nagle	Feb. 1959
Pietro Panciera	Feb. 1959
Theodore M. Picard	Feb. 1959
Douglas Rhodes	Feb. 1959
Chester J. Sosnowski	Feb. 1959
Richard T. Lapolice	Feb. 1959

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER (B. S. S. Only)

Aubrey D. Lapolice	Feb. 1959
John B. Nadeau	Feb. 1959

SPECIAL POLICE (Not Limited to B. S. S.)

Henry A. Tadgell, M. D.	Feb. 1959
Thomas P. Feeney	Feb. 1959

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Office	Name	Term Expires
Inspector of Slaughtering—	Clarence Hubbard	Feb. 1959
Inspector of Animals—	Dr. Francis M. Austin	Feb. 1959
Special Agent at BSS.—	Dr. Henry A. Tadgell	Feb. 1959
Sanitation Advisor—	Max Garber	Resigned
Sanitation Advisor—	John A. Brickett	Feb. 1959
Report Clerk—	Doris S. Squires	Feb. 1959

Kenneth L. Collard, M. D., Clerk
Raymond C. Gay, Chairman

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS, Appointments	STREET LIST
Edward Czech	Elwyn Bock
Adam Anttonovitch	Royal Gay
Frank P. Loftus	Lester Beaudoin

Randolph Brown	James Baker
Robert Anderson	Willard Young, Jr.
Herbert Squires	Andrew T. Sears

Roy G. Shaw, Chairman

RESIGNATION OF TOWN OFFICERS DURING 1958

Name	Office	Effective
Elliott S. Cordner	Finance Committee	Feb. 3,1958
Joseph J. Kempkes, Sr.	Chief, Fire Department	May 15, 1958
William E. Aldrich	Assessor	June 21, 1958
Max Garber	Health Sanitarian	Aug. 1, 1958
David A. Staples	Director, Civil Defense	Oct. 1, 1958

On February 5, 1958, the School Committee organized for the year by re-electing Fitzhugh L. Turner as Chairman and Superintendent Carl J. Peterson as Secretary. Walter P. Piper was elected member on the Summer Recreation Committee and Harold W. Willey member of the Old Town Hall Committee.

July 3, 1957

This is to advise that we are renewing five-year lease of the driveway entering our garage from Jabish Street, Belchertown, Mass., in accordance with the agreement made with the Town in 1927.

Belchertown Motor Sales, Inc. Frank L. Gold

COMMITTEES APPOINTED BY MODERATOR

In accordance with the town warrant of October 20, 1958, Article 5, to investigate possibility of extending water mains to Bay Road and Lake area—Anna Rattell, Chairman; Casmir Medrek, Jack Poole, Philip Malo.

In accordance with Article 8 of the same warrant, to investigate possibility of securing water from the Three Rivers Water District—Bernard Bowler, Chairman; Max Sliwa, Henry Coache.

In accordance with Article 13 of the town warrant adopted February 10, 1958, "a committee of three persons to determine what action should be taken to procure additional office space for the various town offices, said committee to thoroughly investigate the feasibility of either constructing, remodeling or purchasing additional space, and to report back with their recommendations as soon as ready, and not later than the Annual Town Meeting of 1959"—Romeo Joyal, Chairman; Sidney Wheeler, Ralph Trombly.

In accordance with Article 47 of the same warrant, "a committee of three persons, two of whom should be active members of the building trades, said committee to inspect all town buildings, and determine what repairs and renovations are necessary at the present time and to report their findings to the Board of Selectmen not later than December 1, 1958, in order to set up a maintenance program which can be considered at the next annual town meeting"—Aubrey Lapolice, Chairman; Richard Dickinson, Ernest Ducharme.

In accordance with Article 4 of the Town Meeting of November 18, a Regional School District Planning Board—Fitzhugh L. Turner, Milton R. Locke, Joseph F. Flanagan.

In accordance with Article 5 of the same Warrant, a School Needs Committee—Herbert C. Wood, Chairman; Joseph F. Austin, Joseph F. Flanagan, Milton R. Locke, William G. Whitlock.

Henry Renouf, Moderator

JURORS DRAWN, 1958

GRAND JUROR

Rodrigue S. Valliere

TRAVERSE JURORS

January
Antranig Juskalian
John A. Collis

March
Wallace F. Chevalier
Harvey A. Samson
David Fournier, Jr.
Michael F. Shea
Charles F. Austin
Howard W. Knight

April
William T. Slate
Joseph F. Austin

May
Harold D. Kimball
Fred D. Stockton

September
Norman R. Wilson
James Donovan

November
Bertha C. Aldrich
Sophie M. Smola

List of Jurors

NAMES ADDED TO JURY LIST, 1958

NAME	ADDRESS	
William H. Leaders	C. Walker St.	Belchertown, Mass.
Walter S. Slupnicki	Railroad St.	Belchertown, Mass.
William E. Aldrich	Federal St.	Belchertown, Mass.
Robert G. Anderson	Rockrimmon Rd.	Belchertown, Mass.
Alfred P. Atwood	C. Walker St.	Belchertown, Mass.
Henry A. Baggs	C. Walker St.	Belchertown, Mass.
Michael S. Mathras	E. Walnut St.	Belchertown, Mass.
John Milner	Stebbins St.	Belchertown, Mass.
Robert Morey	So. Main St.	Belchertown, Mass.
David A. Staples	Federal St.	Belchertown, Mass.
Helen M. Rhodes	Jabish St.	Belchertown, Mass.
Sophie M. Smola	C. Walker St.	Belchertown, Mass.
Barbara C. Henneman	E. Walnut St.	Belchertown, Mass.

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

(appointed by Fire Chief)

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
Kenneth Bristol
Carl Peterson
Nelson J. Hill
Ernest M. Gay

MEMBERS BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Louis E. Fuller, Acting Chief
Carl J. Peterson, Assistant Chief
Kenneth Bristol, Captain
Willard Young, Lieutenant
Isaac Hodgen, Lieutenant
Roy G. Shaw, Lieutenant
Guy C. Allen
Donald Bock
Wilbur Eaton
Ernest Gay
Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
David Hodgen
Richard Knight
Royal Gay
Sherman Gould
Hubert Greene
Raymond Hale
Nelson Hill
Fred Lincoln
Milton Locke
Raymond Menard
Michael Oberly
Harold Peck
Paige Piper
Louis Shumway
Herbert Squires
David A. Staples
William H. Squires

DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE OPERATORS

Ruth Neville
Jane Conklin
Marguerite Mumford
Pauline Barrett
Hazel Charles
Agnes M. Doherty

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall	Newton, Mass.
John Kennedy	Boston, Mass.

CONGRESSMAN—FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Silvio O. Conte	Pittsfield, Mass.

STATE SENATOR

Ralph C. Mahar	Orange, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

James Richard Nolen	Ware, Mass.

COUNCILLOR, EIGHTH COUNCILLOR DISTRICT

Raymond T. Sullivan	Springfield, Mass.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Hiram H. Brownell	Northampton, Mass.
Raymond A. Lyman	Easthampton, Mass.
Edwin M. Podolak	Hadley, Mass.

CLERK OF COURTS

Merrill E. Torrey	Northampton, Mass.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Raymond A. Warner	Williamsburg, Mass.

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Frank E. Tuit, II	Northampton, Mass.

COUNTY TREASURER

Howard A. Banner	Northampton, Mass

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Sanford Keedy	Amherst, Mass.

Report of Selectmen

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

The Board of Selectmen organized following the annual town meeting as follows: John W. Avery, Chairman of the Board; Charles F. Austin, Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare; and Michael S. Mathras as Clerk of the Board.

Regular weekly meetings were held on Thursday evenings at 8 o'clock and numerous special meetings and hearings were held whenever required.

David A. Staples was reappointed as Director of Civil Defense and in his usual efficient manner a very active program was continued. It was with regret that this Board had to accept the resignation of Mr. Staples whose business now requires all of his time. The Board was indeed fortunate in acquiring the services of John V. Nelson to take over the very important post of Director of Civil Defense. Mr. Nelson's energy and enthusiasm in his new position speaks well for the future of our Civil Defense program. The vacancy on the Finance Committee caused by Mr. Nelson's resignation was ably filled by Mr. Sidney Wheeler whose past experience on this committee proved a welcome addition to this very busy group. Other appointments made represented reappointments of those who had served in various offices in 1957.

The ever-present problem of office space for various town officials was somewhat alleviated with the construction of two offices in the Recreation Room. The Planning Board and the Board of Health along with the Building Inspector occupy one of the offices and the Board of Assessors are comfortably situated in the other. Although the addition of these rooms provides some measure of temporary relief, there are still too many town officials who must carry on the affairs of their office from their homes. Permanent provision for adequate office space to house comfortably all town offices still presents a problem that must be considered in the near future.

Favorable vote on articles requesting additional lighting resulted in the installation of improved lighting at and around the junction of Routes 9 and 202. As a result of lighting surveys in the South End, new and additional fixtures were installed on Franklin, Depot and Keyes St., fulfilling a long standing need for improved street lighting in this area. The above projects, along with the completion of 422 feet of new sidewalk on No. Washington St. rounded out our improvement program for the year.

The Board is grateful to the Ladies of the Garden Club for not only maintaining the beautiful flower plot in the center of the common but also for their efforts in installing a drinking fountain and water supply near the bandstand. The Chamber of Commerce was instrumental in the installation of four very attractive park benches and to this group also, the Board wishes to extend thanks.

In an all-out effort to make our Highway Department a more efficient organization, the replacement of worn and ineffective equipment was studied. As a result of this survey the following equipment was purchased: A new 3-ton Ford truck, a practically new sander, and new snow plows for the Ford, the Brockaway, and the Grader. It is our opinion that our Highway Department at the present time is perhaps better equipped than it has been at any time in years.

HIGHWAY PROGRAMS

Chapter 90—This program was carried out under the supervision of Edwin F. Shumway. This program consists primarily in resurfacing Route 21, Chauncey D. Walker St. Although we are limited as to how much work we can do each year, we feel sure that this new type of Bituminous concrete highway meets with the approval of all who must use it. The Chapter 90 program for 1959 will consist of further reconstruction of Route 21 towards the center of town.

Chapter 81—This program as in past years continues under the direction of Joseph Kulig, Superintendent of Streets. Mr. Kulig met weekly with this Board regarding the program. We have made an effort to distribute as equitably as possible Chapter 81 funds to allow for some work on almost every road in town. Inasmuch as the primary function of Chapter 81 is maintenance, we feel that all requests for permanent construction should continue to be voted on at our annual meeting. From such requests work has been done on the following streets in 1958: Shea Ave., Sabin St., George Hannum St., Cold Spring Road, South St., South Washington St., Munsell Road, and Gold St.

Chapter 718—Inasmuch as Chapter 718 funds may be used only for such programs as can be completed within the limits of the appropriation, work on Rockrimmon Road, Old Springfield Road, and North Washington St. was completed during 1958. The Board is at present considering at least three roads for completion in 1959 as our 718 projects. Work on all Chapter 718 projects was supervised by Mr. Kulig with assistance of representatives of the State Department of Public Works.

The Board of Selectmen attended all out of town meetings necessary to represent the best interests of the town.

This Board again wishes to express its gratitude to all town officials, department heads, and the public in general for the fine spirit of cooperation exhibited during the year.

JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of the Board of Health

This newly elected Board organized soon after election with the following officers: Raymond C. Gay, Chairman, Michael Mathras, Member at Large, Kenneth L. Collard, M. D., Clerk. The third Wednesday of each month at 8 p. m. was selected as the day for regular meetings to be held. Several special meetings have also been called by the Chairman for the transaction of such business as private hearings, the issuing of special licenses, and registration of complaints.

Many inspections of new septic tank installations have been made. Members of the Board have also accompanied the registered sanitarians, Max Garber, and more recently, John A. Brickett, on their monthly inspections of restaurants, food and drink establishments and piggeries. All public nuisances brought to the attention of the Board have been thoroughly investigated, and measures taken for the abatement thereof. The advice of the Board of Health Sanitarian has proved invaluable in many instances. The services that he renders the town in matters of Public Health exceed his annually appropriated salary.

The Board conducted a polio clinic in 1958, taking advantage of the last supplies of State vaccine. We co-operated with the School Physician in procuring influenza vaccine that he could use to immunize school personnel.

Two applications for sub-divisions have been processed according to law in the past year.

On October 13th an all-day inspection of the many food establishments and confectionery stands was carried out.

Communicable diseases reported to the Belchertown Board of Health through November 24, 1958, were as follows:

Chicken pox	34
Measles	3
German measles	2
Hepatitis	1
Tuberculosis	1
Salmonellosis	1
Dog bites	18

Respectfully submitted,

R. C. GAY, Chairman
MICHAEL MATHRAS
KENNETH L. COLLARD, M. D., Clerk

SANITARIAN'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Health:

All food establishments were regularly inspected. Two restaurants were ordered to clean up their establishments which did not conform to the Board of Health regulations. Both of these restaurants were up to standard within a week after the notice.

One of the local grocery stores was getting careless in the disposition of decomposed food-stuffs. This condition was corrected immediately.

A piggery in town had been a constant source of trouble to the Board of Health. Legal action was the only alternative in this case. One other piggery has been ordered to correct insanitary conditions or legal action will be taken.

The regulation pertaining to the installation of private sewage disposal systems was adopted not only as a health measure but to assist the home-owner in obtaining a properly designed system. One home-owner, against the recommendations of the Board of Health, installed an inadequate system. Sewage was found seeping out of the ground at the time of re-inspection. This situation necessitated a rebuilding of the entire system at a far greater cost than if the advice of the Board of Health had been followed.

Belchertown has taken another forward step in public health with the adoption of the pasteurization regulations. This regulation assures the townspeople of a safe milk supply.

It is with sincere regret that Mr. Max Garber resigned as Sanitarian of the Belchertown Board of Health. His new position with the State Department of Public Health made his resignation necessary.

In Mr. Garber's place was appointed a Mr. John A. Brickett as sanitarian of the Board of Health. Mr. Brickett is a qualified sanitarian and a graduate from the University of Massachusetts, with a Master of Science degree in Public Health. Mr. Brickett will continue the good work that has gone on in the past.

May we take this opportunity to commend the townspeople and their officials for their whole-hearted support in the public health program. Belchertown has in a few short years made enormous strides in public health.

Respectfully submitted,

MAX GARBER
JOHN A. BRICKETT

Report of Assessors

The Board feels there should be incorporated in our 1958 report, an explanation of the 1957 Appraisal placed upon the assessment records in 1958.

Supplanting the usual procedure of recording Registry Transfers and adjusting assessments, the following was necessary. Transfer of the 1957 appraisals made by the National Associates, Inc., were recorded building by building on the old assessment cards; all cards which did not match were laid aside, buildings and names were traced, and twenty-five properties were appraised by the Board which were missed by the appraisal company. Five hundred and one taxpayers discussed their appraisals during five days of hearings; ninety were denied changes, balance adjusted up or down by the Appraisal Company.

After the total appraised value was thus determined, the Board decided that an assessment of 50% would be in the best interests of the Town to adjust the tax rate. 1958 Tax Bills were mailed on August 6th. Following this commitment, five hundred and fifty-one taxpayers came to the Asssessors Office, reviewed their appraisals, and abatements were filed in some instances to correct errors in pricing or valuation by the appraisal company. These claims for abatement were acted upon in October by the Board. Extreme care was applied to these claims as an abatement to one, transferred the obligation to all other taxpayers to make up the difference.

Before the 1958 levy was made, the Board made additional changes on one hundred and seventy-three other work cards; increasing forty-five and reducing one hundred and twenty-eight where errors existed. It is felt that as a result of hearings and changes that the 1958 assessment list is well over ninety per cent correct. It is our intention to again go over the Work Cards before the 1959 levy, making any further adjustments which should be made.

Under the New Zoning Ordinance, your Building Inspector, Mr. Ernest Ducharme, has issued and furnished us with building permits totaling three hundred and fifty thousand dollars. This will be a great help this year and in the future to enable the Board to appraise all new property. Much more time will be required to secure and maintain new appraisals in the same manner as used by the Appraisal Company in 1957. This should result in greater benefits for all taxpayers.

The Board has already drawn a list of ninety-three properties which were assessed as incomplete in 1958 which they will personally view and change for the 1959 levy. During November the Board went out and found $40,750.00 in omitted and added assessments. These were committed to the Tax Collector on December 12th.

Two hundred and fifty-four Motor Vehicle Excise Abatement Claims have been checked and abatements granted in 1958.

The Board accepted and acted upon thirty-two Veterans Claims for Exemption under Clause 22 of Chapter 59, granting exemptions (abatements) of $2,597.00. Four claims were accepted under advisement; advice solicited from the Bureau of Local Assessment, who denied three and authorized us to accept onc. In this year of revaluation, we are sorry to say, the Veterans have suffered due to the much lower tax rate. For illustration, prior to 1958, property appraised at $8,000.00, assessed for $2,000.00 would be entirely exempt. In 1958, appraised for $8,000.00, assessed for $4,000.00 would in most cases be exempt for $2,000.00, leaving the balance as a tax to be paid for the first time.

The Assessors Office has been open daily Monday to Friday and most Saturdays from 1:00 to 5:00 P. M. for public convenience. This will be continued in 1959 if we find that it is necessary. Over two thousand hours have been put in by the Board during the year.

We are of the opinion that the loss of assessed valuation through abatements, or buildings torn down, can be overcome during 1959 with omitted and added assessments previously alluded to, new assessed valuation from building permits, and the checking of incomplete 1958 properties as of January 1, 1959. This opinion is based upon the hope that 1959 Appropriations will not greatly exceed 1958. Approximately each $1,000.00 in appropriations will increase the tax rate thirty-three cents computed upon the 1958 tax base.

We are submitting an article to be included in the annual warrant for an appropriation to secure the services of an appraisal company to reappraise Personal Property of the Utility Companies, which was not done in the 1958 assessment.

The two principal responsibilities of any Board of Assessors is to search out all assessable property and then distribute the tax load in an equitable manner.

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal estate and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal government, and other cities and towns.
3. Receipts of departments and available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and fines.
5. Miscellaneous other sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$500,706.00
Other expenses for the year:		
State Parks and Reservations	$1,901.21	
State Audit	875.23	
County Tax	14,416.48	

Deficits abatements prior year's overlay		2,983.96	
Overlay for current year		12,939.62	33,116.50
Gross amount to be raised			$533,822.50
Expected revenue from the Commonwealth		178,940.80	
Available Funds		81,243.08	260,183.88
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expected expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as			273,638.62
Total valuation:			
Personal Property		331,860.00	
Land		1,174,500.00	
Buildings		4,962,750.00	
Total valuation			6,469,110.00
Tax levy at $42.00			
Personal Property		13,938.12	
Real Estate		257,764.50	
Polls		1,936.00	
Total levy			273,638.62
Added assessments:			
Personal Property	750.00	27.30	
Real Estate	40,750.00	1,711.50	
Polls		10.00	

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR., *Chmn.*
ELLIOTT S. CORDNER
ROMEO J. JOYAL
Board of Assessors

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District Report

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Granby Board of Public Welfare
Gentlemen:

We are pleased to report herewith on the services of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District for 1958, the seventh year of its administration of Old Age Assistance, Disability Assistance, Aid to Dependent Children and General Relief for the member towns. During the year 329 visits were made on 99 cases with a total expenditure for aid of $80,167.82. Collections amounted to $2,810.36. The net cost for administration was $2,535.19 ($1,584.49 for Belchertown, $950.70 for Granby). This amounts to $48.75 weekly ($30.47 for Belchertown, $18.28 for Granby). At the close of the year, the cash balance was $2,594.46 ($1,620.25 for Belchertown, $974.21 for Granby). During 1958 the District continued to operate on the percentage basis of 62.5% for Belchertown and 37.5% for Granby, with reimbursements and expenses for administration being apportioned accordingly.

The operating costs were as follows:

Salaries	$7,297.14
Travel	284.41
Postage	214.30
Supplies	82.03
Telephone	164.98
Office Rent	720.00
Equipment	20.98
Office Equipment Maintenance	19.60
Insurance	63.17
Bond	15.00
Miscellaneous	41.85
Hampshire County Assessment	355.78

Hospital and Group Life Insurance	247.26
Total operating cost	$9,526.50
Less Federal & State Reimbursements	6,991.31
Net operating cost	$2,535.19

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
JOHN J. McCOOL
Welfare District Committee

Lena N. Wilson, *Agent*

Report of Welfare District Treasurer

BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY WELFARE DISTRICT

Dr.		
Cash on hand Jan. 1, 1958	$2,259.65	
Receipts:		
Federal	3,863.97	
State	3,127.34	
Town of Belchertown	1,785.00	
Town of Granby	1,085.00	
Miscellaneous	1,674.88	$13,795.84
Cr.		
Warrants of District officers	11,201.38	
Cash on hand December 31, 1958	2,594.46	$13,795.84

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,
District Treasurer

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,
Town Treasurer for Belchertown

Report of Welfare District Agent

Board of Public Welfare
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I am pleased to report herewith on the services performed for the Town of Belchertown by the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District. During 1958, 77 cases were handled for Belchertown, 246 visits and reinvestigations were made on the same and the total expenditure in grants was $64,017.62, which is an increase over 1957 in the number of cases and the expenditure. Collections totalled $2,443.63 and the Town of Belchertown now holds 19 Old Age Assistance liens. The cost to the Town for the administration of the above by the District was $1,584.49 or $30.47 a week.

The financial report for the various categories of assistance and the administration thereof follows.

	Expenditures	Reimburements	Net Cost
Old Age Assistance	$58,264.95	$52,853.79	$5,411.16
Aid to Dependent Children	767.15	475.00	292.15
Disability Assistance	3,520.58	2,566.12	954.46
General Relief	1,464.94	123.29	1,341.65
	$64,017.62	$56,018.20	$7,999.42
Board Salaries	425.00	23.01	401.99
	$64,442.62	$56,041.21	$8,401.41

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District 62.5% net operating cost for 1958	1,584.49
Total net cost for all categories of assistance and the administration thereof for 1958	$9,985.90

Many of the recipients of Old Age Assistance are receiving nursing care which, along with the necessary medical and drug expense, is partly responsible for the increase in expenditures in that category. The increase in General Relief expenditures can be attributed to several out of town hospital bills for which the Town of Belchertown is responsible, along with a considerable increase in the the number of applications. However, increased reimbursements reduced the total net cost to the Town for Welfare services for 1958. I would also like to report that rehabilitation efforts encouraged by this office have been successful.

The work which this office accomplishes is greatly facilitated by the excellent cooperation of your Board, the other various Town Officials, the Police Department's ambulance service, those doing business with this office, and the people in general. This cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
LENA N. WILSON
Welfare District Agent

Report of Chief of Police

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department of the Town of Belchertown for 1958:

Assault and Battery	8
Breaking and Entering and Larceny	18
Drunkenness	4
Fish and Game Laws	11
Vagrancy	1
Statutory Rape	1
Driving under the Influence	3
Violation of Auto Laws	23
Disturbing the Peace	1
Impersonating Police Officer	1
Selling Liquor to Minors	6
Falsifying Age for Liquor	3
Neglect of Minor Children	1
Neglect of Minor Children and Wife	2
Juvenile Cases in Court	16
Total	99

Our Police Ambulance has made 56 trips to different Hospitals in our vicinity, covering a total of 1,665 miles for the year. I wish to thank all those who have assisted with this service.

Our Department has answered numerous home complaints, also received and delivered Emergency messages to people having no telephones. We have covered 75 accidents and have served 48 summonses and have had 335 motor vehicle transfers come into this Department.

Next and of great importance is the SPECIAL POLICE. They have put in a great many hours for no pay. They have gone on patrol with the Regular Police and have quite often assisted me on complaints and accidents that have come in during the daytime when a regular police officer was not available. My sincere thanks to all of them.

Thanks to the townspeople who have cooperated with this Department during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST M. GAY,
Chief of Police

Report of Summer Recreation Committee

It is only fitting that a report of this nature give thanks to the many people who have made our summer recreation program a success. Our town is indeed fortunate in having the services of Bill Young, Sr. as a member of this committee. Mr. Young has devoted many hours and has practically single handedly supervised and kept in order the many activities taking place at Parsons Field. Our summer recreation program in 1958 was indeed a busy one. Mr. Young started our season by repairing and re-screening the soft-ball backstop. A new and more efficient drinking fountain was installed. Several members of the soft-ball league resurfaced the soft-ball diamond, and the field in general was made ready for a very busy season.

The work bee held at Parsons Field was rather poorly attended, but this committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank Ralph Miller for the donation of both his time and bulldozer in grading off that portion of the field behind the baseball backstop. Many thanks are also in order to Bill Young, Jr., Dave Hodgen, Richard Knight, Michael Horr, and any others who helped keep this field in the pink of playing condition. A full schedule of soft-ball, baseball, and peewee baseball games kept Parsons Field a very busy spot almost every evening.

The big event in our summer recreation program was the ever popular swimming instruction course, and this committee at this time wishes to thank Mrs. Louis Shumway for her efforts in acquiring the services of Mr. William Maxwell, a Physical Education Major at the University of Massachusetts, to conduct this program. Mr. Maxwell is to be congratulated for his very fine program and for the very apt manner with which he handled and instructed the youngsters participating in this program. A complete record of each pupil's progress was kept week by week, and at the end of the season a complete file was turned over to this committee. To Mr. Maxwell, a great big "thank you" for your fine record of progress with the 126 pupils in your swimming classes.

One of the more important projects undertaken in town in the past few years has been the Peewee Baseball Program, so ably supervised by Mr. Ed. Blaine. Mr. Blaine enlisted the financial support of our local merchants and was thus able to outfit his entire group with both uniforms and equipment, and to one who has worked so hard and so capably with our youngsters, another big "thank you".

This report would not be complete without thanking the Belchertown Young Adults Association for their very energetic assistance in giving the town beach a real face-lifting, and to this group the whole community joins in a warm "thank you".

To the many others who have helped our community with their services, this committee is deeply grateful. This fine spirit of cooperation can spell nothing but success for the coming year.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
WILLARD H. YOUNG, SR.
W. PAIGE PIPER
Summer Recreation Committee

Report of Planning Board

The Planning Board met on a monthly basis in 1958 to discuss problems associated with the present and future growth of Belchertown. Two subdivisions were approved during the year. Both required substantial alterations from plans as originally submitted in order to comply with Belchertown subdivision regulations. One other plan has received approval pending deposit of a performance bond to protect the town's interests financially. The subdivider involved in this project appears reluctant to post the necessary bond to gain approval. A Board of Appeals has been established by the town Selectmen and a building inspector has been appointed.

The Planning Board wishes to point out that enforcement of zoning and subdivision regulations is the responsibility of the Selectmen and their duly appointed representatives. In cases of real or potential infringements, the Planning Board can act in an advisory and interpreting capacity only. Good natured permission or ignoring of infringements regardless of magnitude must be strongly warned against. Dangerous precedents may be established by these means. The Planning Board strongly recommends that any apparent violations recognized by a citizen of the town be reported in writing to this Board and to the Board of Selectmen. Violations of the laws of our town are felt to be economically and morally detrimental. Cooperation of each and every citizen is necessary to guide Belchertown's development along desirable lines.

The Planning Board has the following specific recommendations to set forth for consideration of the town:

1. The alteration of the dry bridge on Route 181 to facilitate

vision to the south for vehicles entering route 181 from Sears Road. The lack of visibility due to solid wooden side rails on this bridge has been responsible for several major accidents. After each accident the obstructing side rails have been restored to the original hazard producing condition.

2. The prohibition of parking on both sides of Route 181 from intersection with the Three Rivers Road south to the termination of the intersection with the Three Rivers Road south to the termination of curbstones. The present condition, of no restrictions, allows vehicles to be parked in the traffic area in this location.

3. The establishment of motor boat speed laws for inland waterways, especially the Swift River. The practice of boating at high speed on this river has presented a safety hazard to people utilizing this recreational facility. The excessive speed and accompanying waves from these boats is causing severe undercutting of the banks of the river. In a short time this practice could well render this valuable area essentially worthless, due to reduced depth of water and mud deposits in the waterway, with resulting reduction of such features as the fishing potential.

4. The relocation of the Belchertown Fair. In spite of the known controversial nature of this item, this Board does not feel that it can ignore the issue and at the same time fulfill its responsibilities to the town. It is strongly felt that the cheap carnival atmosphere of this event is detrimental to the moral health of the town. While at its conception this event was a significant contribution to the social and economic interests of its inhabitants as a "cattle show", we must recognize the degeneration that has taken place through the years to place this event on a far different and lower plane at this time. The lack of adequate sanitary facilities at this time alone should prohibit its continuation on the common.

5: Purchase of land by the town to allow for future growth of town facilities. It is recommended that the town purchase or take by eminent domain land within the water and sewer districts suitable for expansion of town facilities. The availability of desirable land within the reach of these facilities is rapidly diminishing. It would appear that a relatively small sum expended for the purpose at this time could well save many thousands of dollars in the future when such areas are not available or accessible only through the expensive procedure of extending roads, sewers and water mains.

The purchase of low value land for the purpose of a town forest and recreation area is strongly recommended by this Board. Many sites are available at reasonable cost and could be used in the future for such activities as scouting, family picnicking, etc., by citizens of the town.

The Planning Board has attempted to fulfil its responsibilities to the people of the Town of Belchertown and to plan for the continued growth of the town. Any suggestions, comments or problems that can be acted upon by this Board are welcomed by its members.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE B. JACKSON
HENRY RENOUF
MILTON LOCKE
RICHARD DICKINSON
WILLIAM E. ALDRICH

Report of Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

Poll Taxes

1958		
Commitments		1,946.00
Refund		2.00
Collections	1,852.00	
Abatements	72.00	
Outstanding 12-31-58	24.00	
	1,948.00	1,948.00
1957		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1958		16.00
Collections	8.00	
Abatements	2.00	
Outstanding 12-31-58	6.00	
	16.00	16.00
1956		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1958		2.00
Abatement	2.00	
	2.00	2.00

Personal Property Taxes

1958		
Commitments		13,965.42
Refund		29.40
Collections	12,907.65	
Abatements	73.50	
Outstanding 12-31-58	1,013.67	
	13,994.82	13,994.82

1957		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1958		2,941.40
Added Warrant		184.80
Refund		36.75
Collections	2,826.79	
Abatements	312.40	
Outstanding 12-31-58	23.76	
	3,162.95	3,162.95

1956		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1958		999.58
Collections	902.98	
Outstanding 12-31-58	96.60	
	999.58	999.58

Real Estate Taxes

1958		
Commitments		259,476.00
Refunds		2,228.29
Refunds (Overpayment)		63.84
Collections	212,393.79	
Abatements	8,624.91	
Tax titles (Subsequent)	153.30	

Outstanding 12-31-58	40,596.13	
	261,768.13	261,798.13

1957

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1958		19,454.64
Collections	18,437.28	
Abatements	74.80	
Tax titles (subsequent)	26.40	
Outstanding 12-31-58	916.16	
	19,454.64	19,454.64

1956

Outstanding Jan 1, 1958		788.50
Collections	788.50	
	788.50	788.50

Motor Vehicle Excise

1958

Commitments		41,285.31
Refunds		1,117.67
Refund (Overpayment)		2.26
Collections	37,027.69	
Abatements	2,312.46	
Outstanding 12-31-58	3,065.09	
	42,405.24	42,405.24

1957

Outstanding Jan. 1, 1958		5,301.62
Added commitments		3,549.25
Paid after abatement		43.54
Refunds		308.41

Collections	7,791.09	
Abatements	1,261.69	
Warrant in excess of commitment	50.00	
Outstanding Dec. 31, 1958	100.04	
	9,202.82	9,202.82
1956		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1958		35.39
Collections	19.05	
Abatement	8.17	
Outstanding 12-31-58	8.17	
	35.39	35.39
1955		
Paid after abatement		10.90
Collected	10.90	
	10.90	10.90

Farm Animal Excises

1958		
Commitment		627.42
Collections	574.54	
Outstanding 12-31-58	52.88	
	627.42	627.42
1957		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1958		95.38
Collections	95.38	
	95.38	95.38

Sewer Charges

1958		
Commissioners commitments		4,400.00
Added commitment		35.73
Collections	4,340.00	
Outstanding 12-31-58	95.73	
	4,435.73	4,435.73
1957		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1958		300.00
Collections	255.00	
Outstanding 12-31-58	45.00	
	300.00	300.00
1956		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1958		60.00
Collections	60.00	
	60.00	60.00

Water Liens

1958		
Commitment		60.60
Outstanding 12-31-58	60.60	
	60.60	60.60
1957		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1958		142.72
Collections	142.72	
	142.72	142.72

Outstanding Totals Dec. 31, 1958

Poll taxes 1956, 1957, 1958	30.00
Personal property taxes 1956, 1957, 1958	1,134.03
Real estate taxes 1956, 1957, 1958	41,512.29
Motor vehicle excises 1956, 1957, 1958	3,173.30
Farm animal excises 1958	52.88
Sewer charges 1957, 1958	140.73
Water liens 1958	60.60
Total outstanding	$46,103.83

Interest and fees collected during 1958

Interest, taxes and excises paid to town, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958	$563.62
Demand and warrant fees paid to town, 1955, 1956, 1957, 1958	569.40

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

Report of Dog Officer

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen;

I hereby submit my annual report as Dog Officer for the town of Belchertown:

I collected taxes on 49 dogs:

37 Males	$74.00
5 Females	25.00
7 Spayed	14.00
2 Kennels	20.00
	$133.00

Picked up 50 stray dogs and destroyed same. Picked up 15 dogs hit by cars. Made 12 calls to homes for investigations.

Respectfully submitted,
WALLACE F. CHEVALIER
Dog Officer

Report of Sewer Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Town of Belchertown,

We respectfully submit the following report pertaining to the Sewer Department.

During 1958 seven new service connections were made, making a total of 211 services.

550 feet of sewer main was laid on Lloyd Avenue. This included manholes and house service branches.

The town's share in the maintenance of the filter beds at the State School was $2,083.43.

No outstanding or serious trouble developed during the year.

HELEN L. PAPP
MILTON C. BAGGS
D. DONALD HAZEN
Board of Sewer Commissioners

Report of Civil Defense Director

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

The basic functional operation of our Civil Defense program has continued in an alert and ready state throughout the year. A great deal of credit and sincere thanks must be given to Mr. David Staples, whose devotion and untiring efforts in behalf of the Town of Belchertown through Civil Defense provisions, has been a great example to our many volunteers.

Mr. Staples, to our regret, found it necessary to resign, effective Oct. 1, 1958. In his place, John V. Nelson was appointed to the post of Director.

During the year, Ground Observer Corps, (G. O. C.) has been abandoned by the Federal Civil Defense Command in favor of more rapid and accurate methods perfected by our government. We extend sincere thanks and gratitude to those volunteers who so faithfully watched over us during the life of G. O. C.

A new manual is in preparation with many operational changes and new sections added. Activation of this will require a great deal of study, and consume much time. With patience, however, your Director feels certain that our Civil Defense Program will continue to bring added safety and value to our community.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN V. NELSON
Civil Defense Director

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

December 24, 1958

Board of Selectmen
Town of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen,

The fire department answered in the year 1958 the following calls:

11 Building fires
20 Forest fires
4 Automobile fires

The estimated damage to buildings and contents was $6,250.00.

Much credit for a low property loss goes to the excellent group of firefighters, but as much credit goes to the homeowners who, obviously, are cooperating in a program to prevent losses by fire.

Our greatest equipment need at this time is a tank truck to enable us to carry an adequate supply of water to the many locations in town where no water supply is available.

My special thanks to the excellent cooperation received from the police department.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS E. FULLER

Acting Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

Report of Tree Warden

To the Selectmen of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.

I hereby submit my annual report as the Belchertown Tree Warden.

During the year I did much trimming of low limbs and dead wood, removed many dead and dangerous trees, and sprayed elm trees twice with D. D. T. by mist blower.

We had four bad storms that did considerable damage to our trees. I would like to start a tree planting program whereby approximately twenty trees would be planted each year to replace some of the trees that have been removed. This program would not be too expensive and would add to the beauty of our town.

I am a member of the Western Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Moth Superintendents Association and attended all of the meetings, from which I obtained valuable information on shade tree problems.

The Dutch Elm Disease struck hard this year, taking many of our nice trees. This was due to the dry fall and wet spring. There are about seventy condemned trees with Dutch Elm Disease to be taken down and destroyed before the Elm Bark Beetles hatch out, which will be the first part of April.

Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT W. BROWN
Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

Report

OF COMMITTEE APPOINTED BY THE MODERATOR TO INVESTIGATE THE POSSIBILITIES OF

Procuring Additional Town Office Space

BY CONSTRUCTING, REMODELING, OR PURCHASING SUCH SPACE

The committee investigating town office space for various departments found that part of the over-all problem of lack of office space was resolved to some degree by the construction of two office rooms in the basement of Lawrence Memorial Hall. Primarily, these two offices were for the Board of Assessors. However, we understand that the following boards have access to one of the two rooms mentioned above:

Planning Board
Building Inspector
Board of Health
Sewer and Water Commissioners

The Welfare Office quarters are ample for their needs, while the Civil Defense operation had to move into larger quarters in the basement of the library building.

The investigation showed that the Town Clerk's office in Lawrence Memorial Hall is not only used by him, but also by the Town Accountant, the Veterans' Agent, and the Board of Selectmen. The Town Clerk's office appears to be adequate presently and for the projected future, providing that this office is available only to the Town Clerk, who is also Town Treasurer and Tax Collector.

The ideal solution to this situation would be to move the Selectmen and their records into the room now used by the Superintendent of Schools. This room would give the Selectmen the space they need and help provide more suitable space for persons wishing to discuss matters with the Selectmen.

Affecting future consideration of office space will be the findings of the committee studying school needs. Until this problem is resolved, recommendations for the use of space in Lawrence Memorial Hall are premature.

The above are the results of a survey made by this special committee which further recommends the continuance of this committee so that with the background it has acquired it can evaluate changes as they take place and make an annual report on office space conditions.

Respectfully submitted,

RALPH W. TROMBLY, Chairman
ROMEO J. JOYAL
SIDNEY W. WHEELER

Report of the Old Town Hall Committee

The Old Town Hall serves as the Recreational Center of the community with some form of activity taking place daily during certain seasons.

The School Department uses the Hall for its Physical Education classes, basketball, and the newly organized Girls' Athletic Association. The Boy Scouts and other groups find the facilities very desirable.

Repairs to the equipment and building were made as required. Major projects of improvement during 1958 were as follows: a complete face lifting of the boiler room, all piers under the building were checked or replaced, pointing-up of the granite foundation blocks under the sills of the building, the playing floor was refinished, the rest and shower rooms were re-painted.

Projects for 1959 should include the extension of present bleachers to insure greater seating capacity.

To Committee Chairman, Willard H. Young, Sr., many thanks for his continuous service and thoughtfulness over the years.

WILLARD H. YOUNG, SR.
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
HAROLD W. WILLEY

Report of Town Treasurer

Dr.

Cash in Treasury, Jan. 1, 1958	$121,799.85
Receipts, Jan. 1, 1958 to Dec. 31, 1958	739,968.29
	$861,768.14

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Warrants of Selectmen and Town Accountant	$719,294.34
Cash in Treasury, Dec. 31, 1958	142,473.80
	$861,768.14

Other Town Funds

War Memorial Fund	$5,364.56
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	6,364.28
Total	$12,728.84

Trust Funds in care of Town Treasurer, Dec. 31, 1958

George D. Longley School Music Fund	$2,460.36
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	8,584.76
Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	524.53
Whiting Street Fund	9,887.00
Willard A. Stebbins Fund	1,447.76
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,416.58
Cemeteries Perpetual Care Fund	29,302.87
Nellie E. Brown, Mt. Hope Cemetery Fund	1,091.17

Trust Funds Total $57,715.03

The Town Treasurer, during the year 1958, borrowed to meet current obligations, as follows:

Apr. 15, 1958 to Dec. 15, 1958	@ 1.05%	50,000,00	Disc,	$354,29
July 15, 1958 to Dec. 31, 1958	@ .90%	50,000.00	Disc.	210,00
Totals		$100,000.00		$564.29

Income from investments of town funds by the Town Treasurer $1,281.43

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.

Town Treasurer

Report of Town Clerk

(FINANCIAL)

	No. issued	Gross receipts
Certified copies of Births, Deaths, Marriages	96	$96.00
Marriage licenses issued	27	54.00
Mortgages, discharges and releases recorded	172	449.70
Storage of fuels and explosives, registrations	39	19.50
Pole location and relocation orders recorded	17	112.50
Business registrations recorded	3	3.00
Dog licenses, all classes, issued	575	1,443.00
Sporting licenses issued, all classes	540	1,854.25
	1,469	$4,031.95

Total cash receipts of Town Clerk		$4,031.95
Sporting license receipts paid to Commonwealth	$1,724.50	
Sporting license fees paid town treasurer	129.75	
Dog license receipts paid to County Treasurer	1,300.25	
Dog license fees paid town treasurer	142.75	
All other fees paid to town treasurer	734.70	$4,031.95
Total of fees paid to Town Treasurer as town income, during 1958	$1,007.20	

Respectfully,

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,

Town Clerk

Statistical Report of Town Clerk

1957 BIRTHS RECEIVED FOR RECORD IN 1958

Date	Name	Father	Mother	Date of Record
12 8 57	Edward Henry Leduc	Jean P. Leduc	Jocelyne Brodeur	2 28 58
12 27 57	Dale Ann Squires	Lewis Edward Squires	Ethel MacLane Howe	2 4 58
11 24 57	Thomas Richard Nute	Frank Nute	Claire Lamoureux	1 29 58
12 31 57	Deanna Kim Dexter	Richard Henry Dexter	Ruth Cleveland	1 22 58
12 20 57	Angela Dupont	George Dupont	Judita Greenan	1 21 58
11 23 57	Mary Ellen Cook	Raymond Albert Cook	Patricia Marie Berry	1 22 58
12 30 57	Karen Elizabeth Avery	Thomas Vaughn Avery	Doris L. Smith	1 16 58
12 26 57	Henry Eaton Whitlock	William Gerry Whitlock	Muriel Ann Eaton	1 16 58
12 9 57	Millien Lynn Santucci	Robert Albert Santucci	Millien Leona Thomas	1 16 58
3 5 57	Thomas George Brown	Kenneth Roy Brown	Venna Maureen LaFond	1 16 58
12 23 57	Anna Cecelia Wall	Charles Russell Wall	Carrie Matilda Bright	1 8 58
11 4 57	Kevin Robert Fay	Robert Lehman Fay	Beverly Ann Strange	1 8 58
9 25 57	Cheryl Lee Allen	Leonard John Allen	Geraldine Priscilla Cambo	1 8 58
9 23 57	Barbara Cheryl Beau'gard	Adelard S. Beauregard	Ruth Flora Ely	1 8 58
9 16 57	James Henry Wood	Fred Harry Wood	Doris Thibodeau	1 8 58
9 8 57	Theodore Leon Tolzdorf	Edmond Chester Tolzdorf	Doris Marietta Britigan	1 8 58
2 9 57	Carol Ann Snowden	Lloyd D. Snowden	Josephine M. Sowa	1 8 58

1958 BIRTHS RECEIVED FOR RECORD IN 1958

Date	Name	Father	Mother	Date of Record
1 14 58	John Kenneth Pelis	Frank Joe Pelis	Mary Jane Theresa Pond	1 22 58
1 3 58	Kenneth Irving Hislop	Irving Robert Hislop	Virginia Mae Booth	2 14 58
1 7 58	Vicki Lee Arrison	Charles E. Arrison 3rd	Karen L. Rhodes	2 14 58
2 4 58	Douglas Edward Mann	Randall Francis Mann	Leona Cecile Desroches	2 14 58
1 17 58	Ronald Paul Ritter	Donald Richard Ritter	Hazel Evelyn Squires	2 28 58
2 17 58	Peter Matthew Dowdall	Peter M. Dowdall, Jr.	Maryann Yucis	2 28 58
1 30 58	Allen Robert Mealey	Robert Henry Mealey	Lorraine Marie Lavoie	3 14 58
2 8 58	Leo Joseph Bessette, Jr.	Leo Joseph Bressette, Sr.	Rena L. Dodge	3 14 58
2 27 58	Dorothy Elizabeth Poole	Homer Jackson Poole, Jr.	Joan Newkirk	3 14 58
1 29 58	Susan Hope Nulman	Saul J. Nulman	Roseann Endelson	3 21 58
1 26 58	Carrie Ann LaPlante	Edward George Laplante	Theresa Carrie Vadnais	3 31 58
1 29 58	Mark Joseph Nadeau	Joseph Philip Nadeau	Teresa Claire Martin	3 21 58
3 15 58	Colleen Marie Fels'treger	Walter A. Felsentreger	Marjorie L. Cull	4 11 58
3 24 58	Kenton Lee Radebaugh	Keith Laverne Radebaugh	Betty Jean Ruyle	4 11 58
2 22 58	Sabrina Ann Pittsley	Ralph Francis Pittsley	Nellie Faye Black	4 23 58
4 18 58	Stella Anne Pawlowski	Henry Pawlowski	Margaret L. Dunlop	5 5 58
2 19 58	John Edward Gourley, Jr	John E. Gourley	Barbara C. Giordano	5 13 58
3 20 58	Cindy Sue Capen	Leon George Capen	Helen Vaughan	5 15 58
4 14 58	James Albert Lepine	Donald Ernest Lepine	Beverly Ann Shaffer	5 15 58
4 26 58	Alfred John Doyle	Arthur Gillette Doyle	Otburga Hilda Titze	6 13 58
5 1 58	Desiree Diane Pace	Thomas Franklin Pace	Sylvia Marie Schultz	6 13 58
5 3 58	Arlene Mary Amprino	William D. Amprino	Anna M. Sullivan	6 13 58
5 22 58	Julie Lucille Rioux	James Edgar Rioux	Pauline Jeanne Berube	6 13 58
6 3 58	Sonya Ann Myers	Ray Owen Myers	Frances Ann Stallings	7 11 58

1958 BIRTHS RECEIVED FOR RECORD IN 1958

Date	Name	Father	Mother	Date of Record
4 2 58	James Wade Clark	Alfred Holden Clark, Jr.	Clara Mae Manson	7 18 58
4 13 58	Karin Anne Ehrlich	Leonard H. Ehrlich	Edith Schwartz	7 18 58
4 26 58	Richard Elwin Clark	Richard Osborne Clark	Carole Elaine Murray	7 18 58
5 27 58	Laura Jean Jackson	George Belding Jackson	Beverly Affa Miller	8 7 58
4 13 58	Michael Allen Olkives	Allen Brister Olkives	Carolyn Page Moore	8 18 58
7 25 58	Mark Wayne Wood	Donald Clearance Wood	Lucile Marie Martens	8 18 58
7 10 58	Susan Jean Henrichon	Edward Arthur Henrichon, Jr.	Harriet Sara Hatch	8 18 58
7 16 58	Harold Geo. Boudreau, Jr	Harold George Boudreau	Joan Ann Martin	8 18 58
5 15 58	Susan Ruth Staples	David Alexander Staples	Patricia Ruth Webb	8 26 58
5 17 58	William Wade Walker	Howard Earl Walker	Carol Barbara Squires	8 27 58
7 31 58	Zoanne Elaine Lucier	Bernard Paul Lucier	Lorraine Yvonne Boyer	9 2 58
8 28 58	Laurie Anne Loftus	Francis Paul Loftus	Bertha M. Wilder	9 15 58
9 11 58	Michael John Grady	Peter Francis Grady	Leonilda Rosalyn Pope	10 2 58
8 22 58	Lori Ann Clark	Virgel Lee Clark	Elizabeth Ann Howe	10 3 58
6 17 58	John Chivas	Stephen John Chivas	Imelda Julia Guerin	10 7 58
6 26 58	Guy Edward Fitzgerald	Frederick D. Fitzgerald, Jr.	Vivian J. Brown	10 7 58
9 4 58	Laura Jean Dunbar	Arthur Lawrence Dunbar	Doris L. Rousseau	10 14 58
9 26 58	Bonnie Jean Chevalier	Daniel C. Chevalier	Marjorie A. Dodge	10 14 58
6 23 58	Daphine Ann Mangum	John Robert Mangum	Pearl Fountain	10 28 58
6 25 58	Keith Arlin Small	Melvin D. Small	Sarah Mandell	10 28 58
6 29 58	James Edward Gates	Edward H. Gates	Jean H. Pera	10 28 58
8 7 58	Jeanmarie Helen Bod'ski	Edward John Bodzinski	Mary Theresa Fydenkevez	11 13 58
9 14 58	C. B. Aldridge	C. B. Aldridge	Patsy Lee BeMarcus	11 13 58
9 30 58	Cheryl Ann Dodge	John V. Dodge	Joan C. Mundell	11 13 58

1958 BIRTHS RECEIVED FOR RECORD IN 1958

Date	Name	Father	Mother	Date of Record
10 3 58	Dale Thomas Smith	Ronald Eric Smith	Una Eleanor Duprey	11 13 58
7 6 58	Walter James Henry	James Henry	Eunice Irene Austin	11 19 58
7 14 58	John Brian Moreau	Francis R. Moreau	Hortense Forget	11 19 58
7 21 58	James Thomas Burke, Jr.	James Thomas Burke, Sr.	Anne Marie Henry	11 19 58
9 26 58	Ronald Norman Loftus	Norman Stewart Loftus	Constance Mary Socha	11 19 58
8 12 58	Carol Ann Lapointe	Roland Lionel Lapointe	Rita Emma Leduc	12 3 58
7 14 58	Tamalie Ann Cole	Rodney A. Cole	Sheila Mae Marchessault	12 12 58
7 30 58	Peter John Adzima	Peter John Adzima	Gloria Mauri	12 12 58
11 21 58	Tammie Marie Kimball	William Franklin Kimball, Jr.	Edna June Lois Germain	12 12 58
11 22 58	Francis Hector Tetrault	Hector Francis Tetrault	Edna Ann Mattoon	12 12 58
9 5 58	Thomas Lee Hayward	James F. Hayward	Stella K. Smolen	12 19 58
11 29 58	Veronica Irmgard H'lday	William Joseph Halliday	Sylvia Irmgard Maria Schmidmeil	12 19 58
8 28 58	Pamela Sue Owen	Frederick Owen	Edith Brown	12 30 58
10 3 58	Michael Nelson Horr	James Nelson Horr	Mary Elizabeth Schlagenhaft	1 3 59
10 25 58	Kathryn Mary Allen	Leonard John Allen	Geraldine Priscilla Cambo	1 3 59

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BELCHERTOWN 1958

Date	Groom	Bride	Date of Record
1 31 58	Walter James Henry	Eunice Irene Austin	
4 5 58	Robert William Brown	Cora C. Skolnik	3 14 58
3 8 58	Roy Francis Fay	Rachel Ann Evans	3 3 58
3 21 58	George Leonard Carver	Janet Nellie Geslock	3 23 58
4 5 58	Hugh Kenneth Hubbard, Jr.	Carol Edith Hill	4 29 58
4 26 58	Virgel Lee Clark	Elizabeth Ann Howe	4 29 58
4 26 58	Edward Albert Fern	Shirley Margaret Ritter	5 5 58
5 3 58	Lloyd Collis Chadbourne, Jr.	Marion Harriet Horta	5 6 58
5 9 58	Thomas William Mann	Maxine Ann Carmody	5 15 58
5 16 58	Harry F. Turner, Jr.	June Bernice Horr	5 20 58
5 31 58	Ernest Leo Gelinas	Hazel Ellen Williams	6 4 58
6 7 58	Robert Charles Belisle	Gloria Theresa Berry	6 10 58
6 21 58	Harry Aloysius Boyle, Jr.	Margaret Frances Austin	6 25 58
6 21 58	Ronnie Ian Worley	Mary Frances Finnerty	6 25 58
6 28 58	Robert Allan Seddon	Nancy Joan Whittaker	6 30 58
7 26 58	Frederick Richard Bolieau	Catherine Lillian Coltey	7 31 58
8 9 58	George A. Smith, Jr.	June Mary Dix	8 18 58
7 28 58	Gerald L. McClellan	Patricia D. Dupont	8 16 58
8 30 58	James Arthur Robbins	Jeanette Euginea Marie Nadeau	9 3 58
9 1 58	Roscoe Merlay Bigelow	Patricia Rollande Spooner	9 8 58
9 5 58	Howard Robert Hooey	Emma Lucille Tucker	9 8 58
8 31 58	Robert A. Coache	Lorraine F. Puta	9 8 58
9 6 58	Edward Joseph Kawalec	Nellie Godek	9 15 58

MARRIAGES RECORDED IN BELCHERTOWN 1958

Date	Groom	Bride	Date of Record
9 21 58	Albert William Carey	Mildred Amy Decoteau Connery	9 24 58
10 27 58	David P. Kimball	Vera F. Moore	11 3 58
11 27 58	William Naylor Dickinson	Jean Muriel Locke	12 12 58
11 15 58	Lawrence Raymond Copeland	Marion Lovell Copeland	12 19 58
12 27 58	Joseph Henry O'Neil	Joyce Orise Victoria Dupuis	1 3 59
11 12 58	Henry Adelaire Robidoux	Sheila Ann Boileau	11 24 58
11 22 58	Ronald Eugene Lafleur	Grace Pauline Mason	11 24 58
11 29 58	Frank J. Liguz	Emilia D. Starsiak	12 3 58
11 29 58	Thomas Latos	Jadwiga S. (Michon) Duda	12 3 58

DEATHS RECORDED IN BELCHERTOWN DURING 1958

Date of Death	Name	Age yr. mo. day	Residence	Place of Death	Place of Burial	Date Record
12 2 57	Emile Chartier	59 — —	Belchertown	Holyoke	South Hadley	1 16 58
1 15 58	Robert B. Pynn, Jr.	11 2 22	East Hartford	Belchertown	Manchester, Conn.	1 16 58
1 21 58	Ira Almon Squires	87 2 28	Belchertown	Belchertown	Belchertown	1 23 58
1 21 58	Ella Jane (Chapin) Davis	81 7 9	Belchertown	Chicopee	Belchertown	1 29 58
1 26 58	Mary (Sullivan) Croney	79 8 21	Belchertown	Belchertown	Holyoke	1 29 58
2 4 58	Ellen Josephine Dorothy Shuttleworth	77 3 17	Belchertown	Belchertown	Belchertown	2 7 58
2 18 58	Philip J. Little	52 2 4	Springfield	Belchertown	Springfield	2 19 58
2 20 58	Grace Darling Sheperd	73 3 25	Belchertown	Belchertown	Knowlton, Que.	2 20 58
3 7 58	Henry A. Martin	74 — —	Belchertown	Belchertown	Aldenville	3 7 58
3 6 58	Patricia Guzik	3 10 24	Chicopee Falls	Belchertown	Chicopee	3 10 58
2 18 58	Herbert I. Story, Sr.	59 4 29	Belchertown	Ware	Belchertown	3 14 58
3 19 58	Alice May (Mackinley) Benson	66 10 22	Belchertown	Ware	Littleton	4 11 58
4 15 58	George Petchuk	1 5 25	Westfield	Belchertown	Springfield	4 16 58
5 11 58	Nikolaj Kiernicki	71 — —	Belchertown	Belchertown	Ludlow	5 13 58
5 13 58	Stefan Sepaniak, Jr.	5 7 12	Springfield	Belchertown	Chicopee	5 15 58
5 16 58	Ulysses Brecourt	45 6 7	Holyoke	Belchertown	South Hadley	5 19 58
6 3 58	Frederick Coomes	78 1 17	Belchertown	Belchertown	Belchertown	6 5 58
5 13 58	Hattie (Jenks) Whitcomb	36 0 6	Belchertown	Holyoke	Amherst	6 10 58
7 1 58	Mary Elizabeth (Torrance) Brown	51 9 4	Belchertown	Belchertown	Springfield	7 4 58

DEATHS RECORDED IN BELCHERTOWN DURING 1958

Date of Death	Name	Age	Residence	Place of Death	Place of Burial	Date Record
7 5 58	Nellie Violet (Wilbur) Orlando	83 11 24	Belchertown	Belchertown	Belchertown	7 8 58
7 7 58	Ida A. (Munsell) Hurlburt	93 0 3	Belchertown	Belchertown	Springfield	7 8 58
6 25 58	Pauline (Lebida) Geslock	54 10 9	Belchertown	Springfield	Bondsville	7 18 58
7 11 58	Mary Dumas	60 0 10	Spencer	Belchertown	Spencer	7 18 58
6 21 58	Rene Ephram Gagnon	55 1 16	Belchertown	Granby	South Hadley	7 18 58
7 27 58	Leon Teffts	43 6 11	Middlefield	Belchertown	Middlefield	7 30 58
7 28 58	Rosaire Trombley	43 — —	Belchertown	Belchertown	Indian Orchard	7 30 58
8 6 58	Donald Wood	28 11 17	Florence	Belchertown	Northampton	8 18 58
8 18 58	Mary Kathleen Raftery	6 3 11	Pittsfield	Belchertown	Pittsfield	8 27 58
8 26 58	Lionel Armand Adams	63 — —	Springfield	Belchertown	South Hadley	8 28 58
7 30 58	Forrest G. Stevens	13 11 25	Marshfield	Belchertown	Arlington	9 2 58
9 6 58	Starlene M. Patnaude	5 9 5	Springfield	Belchertown	Belchertown	9 15 58
8 2 58	Edith C. (Marsh) Pratt	85 2 14	Northampton	Northampton	Belchertown	9 22 58
8 6 58	Anthony Kucinski	74 5 26	Belchertown	Amherst	South Deerfield	10 2 58
8 13 58	Harry Charles Grindle	84 27 4	Belchertown	Amherst	Belchertown	10 2 58
9 22 58	John Amidon	5 8 16	Orange	Belchertown	Worcester	10 2 58
9 30 58	Maude (Dorman) Camp	72 8 26	Belchertown	Belchertown	Belchertown	10 3 58
10 3 58	Patrick Ryan, Jr.	18 7 —	Dorchester	Belchertown	Boston	10 7 58
10 22 58	Minnie Eve (Hubbard) Dunakin	78 10 19	Belchertown	Holyoke	Belchertown	11 13 58
10 9 58	Frank V. Finnerty	60 — —	Belchertown	Northampton	Holyoke	11 28 58
11 28 58	Aloysius (Aloyzie) Zobka	45 5 7	Belchertown	Belchertown	Three Rivers	11 29 58
11 23 58	Dale Thomas Smith	0 2 20	Belchertown	Belchertown	Palmer	12 24 58
12 17 58	Stephen Hoyt	12 4 10	Boston	Belchertown	Belchertown	1 3 59

MINUTES OF
STATE PRIMARIES
TOWN AND STATE ELECTION
AND EXCERPTS FROM
THE STATE AUDIT

Town of Belchertown Election, Feb. 3, 1958

	Precinct "A"		Precinct "B"		Total A &
	Votes	Blanks	Votes	Blanks	
Moderator 1 yr					
Lewis H. Blackmer	508	461	72	14	580
Henry Renouf	461	19	134		595
Town Clerk 1 yr					
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	885	103	175	45	1060
Town Treasurer 3 yr					
Robert D. Camp, Sr.	879	109	168	52	1047
Selectman 3 yr					
Charles F. Austin	537	35	154	6	691
Frank L. Gold	416		60		4 76
School Committee 3 yr					
John V. Nelson	404	25	48	5	452
Harold W. Willey	559		167		726
Planning Board 5 yr					
Milton R. Locke	789	199	138	82	927
Cemetery Commissioner 3 yr					
Lincoln A. Cook	603	33	88	23	691
Harvey A. Lincourt	352		109		461
Assessor 3 yr					
George E. Booth	502	18	54	21	556
Elliott S. Cordner	468		145		613
Sewer Commissioner 3 yr					
Frank V. Finnerty	442	44	75	29	517
Helen L. Papp	502		116		618
Tree Warden 1 yr					
Albert W. Brown	875	113	171	49	1046
Board of Health 3 yr					
Kenneth L. Collard	663	31	129	24	792
Ernest Ducharme	294		67		361
Board of Health 2 yr					
Raymond C. Gay	636	34	98	34	734
John Milner	318		88		406
Board of Health 1 yr					
Michael S. Mathras	492	38	153	20	645
Charlotte P. Ketchen	457		47		504
John Milner	1		0		1
Constables 1 yr					
Adam L. Antonovitch	403	632	152	187	555
Ernest M. Gay	619		82		701
Frank P. Loftus	517		117		634
Andrew T. Sears	562		86		64 8
Herbert E. Squires	483		81		564
James B. Baker	309		27		336
Thaddeus Bodzinski	159		68		227
Richard K. Cook	247		44		291
Edward Czech	178		148		326
Francis E. Goodrow	137		20		157
Robert G. Anderson	390		48		438
Alfred P. Atwood	304		41		345
Question # 1					
Yes	279	336	49	96	328
No	373		75		448
Total Vote Cast	988		220		1208
Total Registered Voters	1457		297		1754
Men	734		155		
Women	723		142		
	1457		297		
Registered Republicans					
Men	240		14		
Women	215		17		
	455		31		
Registered Democrats					
Men	65		37		
Women	50		39		
	115		76		

Total Democrats 191
Total Republicans 486

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampshire ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown,

Greeting:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town who are qualified to vote in Primaries to meet in Precinct A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall; Precinct B, at Franklin School

Tuesday, the Ninth Day of September, 1958

at 1 o'clock p.m., for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Primary Officers for the Nomination of Candidates of Political Parties for the following offices:

SENATOR IN CONGRESS	For this Commonwealth	
GOVERNOR	" " "	
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR	" " "	
SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH	" " "	
TREASURER AND RECEIVER-GENERAL	" " "	
AUDITOR OF THE COMMONWEALTH	" " "	
ATTORNEY GENERAL	" " "	
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	" " First Congressional	District
COUNCILLOR	" Eighth Councillor	"
SENATOR	" Franklin Senatorial	" (Hampshire)
1 REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT	" 4th Hampshire Representative Dist.	
DISTRICT ATTORNEY	" Northwestern	District
CLERK OF COURTS	" Hampshire	County
REGISTER OF DEEDS	" Hampshire County	District
COUNTY COMMISSIONER (1) (Except Nantucket & Suffolk Counties)	" Hampshire	County

VACANCIES

In Hampshire County: A County Commissioner
In Middlesex County: A Register of Probate and Insolvency
In Suffolk County: A Register of Probate and Insolvency

The polls will be open from 1 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Hereof fail not and make return of this warrant with your doings thereon at the time and place of said meeting.

Given under our hands the 28th day of August, A.D. 1958.

Selectmen of Belchertown
John W. Avery
Charles F. Austin
Michael S. Mathras

Action taken under Warrant for State Primary, September 9, 1958

Republican	Precinct		
	A	B	Total
U.S.Senator			
Vincent J. Celeste	127	3	130
Governor			
George Fingold	12	0	12
Charles Gibbons	132	3	135
Lt. Governor			
Elmer C. Nelson	156	5	161
Secretary			
Marion Curran Boch	150	5	155
Treasurer			
John E. Yerxa	148	5	153
Auditor			
Thomas H. Adams	152	5	157
Attorney General			
Christian A. Herter, Jr.	163	5	168
Charles Gibbons	1	0	1
Congressman, U.S.			
Silvio O. Conte	146	4	150
Concillor			
Michael G. Kafantaris	56	2	58
Eunice L. Mannheim	105	3	108
State Senator			
Ralph C. Mahar	162	5	167
Representative in Gen. Court			
Isaac A. Hodgen	154	5	159
District Attorney			
Sanford Keedy	161	5	166
Clerk of Courts			
Merrill E. Torrey	158	5	163
Register of Deeds			
Raymond A. Warner	160	5	165
County Commissioner			
Hiram H. Brownell	158	5	163
County Commissioner (Vacancy)			
Luther A. Beldin	53	2	55
Carl M. Henenway	53	0	53
Arvo A. Solander	55	3	58

Democrat	Precinct		
	A	B	Total
U.S.Senator			
John J. Kennedy	92	40	132
Governor			
Foster Furcolo	48	48	96
Lt. Governor			
Robert F. Murphy	84	45	129
Secretary			
Edward J. Cronin	83	41	124
Treasurer			
William G. Shaughnessy	22	13	35
John F. Kennedy	66	30	96
Auditor			
Thomas J. Buckley	82	42	124
Attorney General			
Edward J. McCormack	65	37	102
Endicott Peabody	29	7	36
U.S.Congressman			
James M. Burns	28	8	36
William F. Stapleton	65	36	101
Councillor	67	25	92
Raymond F. Sullivan(White St)			
Raymond F. Sullivan State St.	21	12	33
State Senator			
Hermas Boucher	40	15	55
John G. Clark	45	23	68
Representative in Gen. Court			
George F. Cramer	18	3	21
James Richard Nolen	78	47	125
District Attorney			
None			
Clerk of Courts			
None			
Register of Deeds			
John B. McCarthy	1	0	1
County Commissioner			
Thomas L. Gleason	31	25	56
Raymond F. Kelley	29	17	46
Stanley J. Krause	13	3	16
Edwin C. Warner	12	1	13
County Commissioner (Vacancy)			
John H. Breguet	8	3	11
John J. Fortsch	7	1	8
Alfred J. Gagne	14	1	15
Edward J. Kelly	45	27	72
Edwin M. Podolak	15	15	30

Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

Hampshire S.S.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, Greeting:
In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in State Elections, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

In Precinct "A", at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street

In Precinct "B", at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street in South Beldhertown:

Tuesday, November 5, 1958 at 8 o'clock a.m. for the following purposes:

To bring in their votes to the Election Officers for the election of the following: Senator in Congress, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor, Attorney General, Congressman, Councillor, Senator, Representative in General Court, District Attorney, Clerk of Courts, Register of Deeds, County Commissioner, County Commissioner (to fill vacancy). Also to vote "yes" or "no" on the following questions:

Question No.1

Do you approve of a law summarized below which was disapproved in the House of Representatives by a vote of 73 in the affirmative and 132 in the negative and was approved in the Senate by a vote of 21 in the affirmative and 17 in the negative?

Question No.2

A Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages (whiskey, rum, gin, malt beverages, wines and all other alcoholic beverages)?

B Shall licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of wines and malt beverages (wine and beer, ale and all other malt beverages ?

C Shall .licenses be granted in this town for the sale therein of all alcoholic beverages in packages in packages, so called, not to be drunk on the premises?

Question No.3

A Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed horse races be permitted in this County.

B Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed dog races br permitted in this County?

C Shall the pari-mutuel system of betting on licensed horse races at County Fairs be permitted in this County?

The polls will be open at 8 o'clock A.M. and will close at 8 o'clock P:M. And you are firected to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one on the Town Hall, one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, one at Union School, at Dwight and one at Keyes Hotel, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting. Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereof to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting. Given under our hands this twenty-seventh day of October, A.D. 1958.

John W. Avery
Michael S. Mathras
Charles F. Austin Selectmen

A true copy posted Attest.

Ernest M. Gay, Constable

State Biennial Election November 4, 1958

Polls opened at 8:00 A.M. Closed at 8:00 P.M.

		Precinct A	Precinct B	A - Blanks	- B	Total
Senator in Congress						
John F. Kennedy	D	692	181			873
Vincent J. Celeste	R	435	31			466
Lawrence Gilfedder		1				1
Mark R. Shaw		1		21	3	1
Governor						1365
Foster Furcolo	D	417	131			548
Charles Gibbons	R	704	77			781
Henning A. Blomen		11				11
Guy S. Williams		4	1			5
Lt. Governor				14	6	1365
Robert F. Murphy	D	474	148			622
Elmer C. Nelson	R	640	53			693
Harold E. Bassett		7	2			9
Francis A. Votano		7	2			9
Secretary				22	10	1365
Edward J. Cronin	D	535	155			690
Marion Curran Boch	R	579	48			627
Fred M. Ingersoll		5	2			7
Julia B. Kohler		5	1			6
Treasurer				26	9	1365
John F. Kennedy	D	544	157			701
John E. Yerxa	R	571	52			623
Warren C. Carberg		3				3
John Erlansson		6				6
Auditor				26	6	1365
Thomas J. Buckley	D	508	138			646
Thomas H. Adams	R	610	64			674
John B. Lauder		3				3
Arne A. Sortell		4				4
Attorney General				25	13	1365
Christian A. Herter, Jr	R	742	80			822
Edward J. McCormack, Jr	D	376	127			503
Charles A. Couper		5				5
Gustaf B. Nissen		4				4
Congressman				23	8	1365
James M. Burns	D	439	145			584
Silvio O. Conte	R	671	57			728
Louise Stone Wilson		15	1			16
Councillor				25	12	1365
Raymond F. Sullivan	D	440	143			583
Eunice L. Mannheim	R	673	61			734
Thomas Maratea		10	2			12
Senator				27	9	1365
Ralph C. Mahar	R	724	69			793
Hermas Boucher	D	386	131			517
Matthew Maratea		12	1			13
				28	14	1365
Rep. in Gen. Court						
Isaac A. Hodgen	R	690	86			776
James Richard Nolen	D	442	126			568
District Attorney				18	3	1365
Sanford Keedy	R	968	135			1103
Patrick Loftus		1				1
Clerk of Courts				181	80	1365
Merrill E. Torrey	R	952	132			1084
Mike Higgins		1				1
Paul Austin		1				1
Register of Deeds				196	83	[illegible]
Raymond A. Warner	R	738	67			805
John B. McCarthy	D	385	131			516
County Commissioner (Full)				27	17	1365
Hiram H. Brownell	R	721	62			783
Thomas L. Gleason	D	402	135			537
County Commissioner (Balance)				27	18	1365
Luther A. Belden	R	695	55			750
Edwin . Podolak	D	410	149			559
				45	11	1365

Question # 1

Yes 610 92 199 64 1365

No 341 59

Question #2

A Yes 152 729 99 29 1365 B Yes 132 676 161 49 1365C Yes 133 709 174 50 1365

No 34 322 No 34 313 No 32 267

Question # 3

A Yes 103 516 104 41 1365 B Yes 87 435 139 49 1365

No 71 530 No 79 576

C Yes 120 602 99 33 1365

No 62 449

		Men	Women	
Total Registered voters at	Precinct A	778	760	1538
	Precinct B	157	146	303
	Town Total			1841

Vote November 4, 1958	
Precinct A.	1150
Precinct B	215
Total	1365

November 22, 1958

Report of the recount conducted by the Board of Registrars of Voters.

Petitions to recount the vote taken November 4, 1958 on the follwing:

Isaac A. Hodgen
James Richard Nolen
Blanks

The Registrars' total vote sheet shows:

	Precinct "A"	Precinct "B"	Totals
Hodgen	678	85	763
Nolen	437	125	562
Blanks	35	5	40
	1150	215	1365

A true record of the recount. Attest

Robert D. Camp, Sr.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Department of Corporations & Taxation
Bureau of Accounts
State House, Boston, 33

Robert T. Capeless
Commissioner

Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts

December 31, 1958

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. John W. Avery, Chairman
Belchertown, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the townn of Belchertown for the period from December 16,1956 to September 9, 1958, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,
Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts

HBD:EM

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Belchertown for the period from December 16, 1956, the date of the previous examination, to September 9, 1958, and submit the following report thereon:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or sending out bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the books of the treasurer and the accountant.

The books and accounts of the town accountant were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the treasurer's books, while the payments were checked with the treasury warrants. The appropriation accounts, as recorded on the ledger, were checked with the town meeting records, the transfers from the reserve fund were compared with the authorizations of the finance committee, and all other accounts were checked with information in the departments in which the transactions orignated.

The ledgers were analyzed, and, after the necessary adjusting entries were made, a balance sheet, which is appended to this report, was prepared showing the financial condition of the town on September 9, 1958.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined. The recorded receipts were analyzed and compared with the records of the departments collecting money for the town and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while payments were checked with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of the town funds and with the accountant's ledger accounts.

The cash book additions were verified, and the cash balance on September 9, 1958 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office, by reconciliation of the bank balance with statements received from the depositories, and by examination of a savings bank book.

The records of payroll deductions on account of Federal taxes, the county retirement system, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, group life insurance, and teachers' health insurance were examined and checked. The deductions were proved, the payments to the proper agencies were verified, and the balances in the general treasury were reconciled with the controlling ledger accounts.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were analyzed and checked with the accounts of the tax collector and the town accountant. The taxes transferred to tax titles, as well as the tax titles redeemed, were verified, and the tax titles and possessions on hand September 9, 1958 were listed and proved.

The savings bank books and securities, representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, the bequests, income, and withdrawals being verified.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked in detail. The accounts autstanding at the time of the previous audit, as well as all subsequent commitments of taxes and motor vehicle and trailer excise, were audited and proved with the warrants committing them for collection. The recorded collections were checked, the payments to the treasurer were verified, the recorded abatements were checked with the records of the assessors, and the taxes transferred to the tax title account were verified, the outstanding accounts were listed and proved, and the cash on hand September 9, 1958 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office.

Further verification of the outstanding accounts was made by sending notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, and from the replies received it appears that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The appropriations were listed from the town clerk's records of town meetings, and the amounts voted were compared with the aggregate amounts raised by the assessors in the computations of the tax rates for 1957 and 1958.

The financial transactions of the town clerk pertaining to dog and sporting licenses issued, as well as to receipts for miscellaneous permits, fees, and recordings, were checked, and the payments to the town treasurer and the Division of Fisheries and Game were rerified. The cash on hand September 9, 1958 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office.

The receipts from licenses granted by the selectmen were checked with the records of licenses issued. The payments to the treasurer were verified and the cash on hand was proved.

The records of accounts receivable of the public welfare and veterans' services departments were audited. the departmental charges were listed and compared with the amounts reported to the town accountant, the payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The records of receipts of the sealer of weights and measures and of the police, health, school , and cemetery departments, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined and checked with the treasurer's cash receipts and with the records of the town accountant.

The books and accounts of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District were examined and checked in conjunction with the audit of the town treasurer's accounts. The recorded receipts were analyzed and checked, and the payments were compared with the warrants authorizing the disbursement of district funds. The cash balance on September 9, 1958 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the depository.

The records of payroll deductions for Federal taxes, the county retirement system, Blue Cross and Blue Shield, and group life insurance, as kept by the district treasurer, were examined andchecked. The deductions were listed, the payments to the proper agencies were verified, and the balances in the district treasury on September 9, 1958 were proved.

The surety bonds of the town treasurer, town clerk, tax collector, and the Belchertown-Granby Wrlfare District treasurer, filed for the faithful performance of their duties, were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, ex ises and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

For the cooperation received from all town officials during the progress of the audit, I wish, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,
William Schwartz
Assistant Director of Accounts

WS:EM

Town of Belchertown
Balance Sheet - September 9, 1958
General Accounts

ASSETS		
Cash		$81,975.49
Accounts receivable		
Taxes		
Levy of 1956:		
Personal property		96.60
Levy of 1957		
Poll	$6.00	
Personal property	85.36	
Real estate	2,388.76	2,480.12
Levy of 1958		
Poll	46.00	
Personal property	11,933.04	
Real estate	235,181.40	247,160.44
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise		
Levy of 1956	8.17	
Levy of 1957	139.07	
Levy of 1958	8,757.52	8,904.76
FarmAnimal Excise		
Levy of 1958	81.17	81.17
Special Assessments		
Sewer rentals, 1957	45.00	
Sewer rentals, 1958	85.00	130.00
Tax Titles and Possessions		
Tax Titles	406.90	
Tax Possessions	154.62	561.52
Departmental		
Old Age Assistance	352.88	352.88
Aid to Highways		
State	43,940.16	
County	5,538.39	49,478.55
Estimated Receipts,-to be collected	63,732.61	63,732.61
Dog Officer- due from County	302.00	302.00
Overdrawn Account		
Highways, -Chapter 90		
Construction	6.48	6.48

Liabilities and Reserves		
Temporary Loan:		
In anticipation of Revenue, 1958		$100,000.00
State and County Assessments:		
State Recreation Areas Assessment	$1,850.25	
State Audit of Minicipal Accounts	875.23	
County tax	14,416.48	17,141.96
Payroll Deductions		
Federal Taxes	1,018.40	
County Retirement System	51.10	
Blue Cross and Blue Shield	37.40	
Group Insurance	61.23	1,168.13
Agency:		
Dog Licenses - due County	254.75	
Workmen's Compensation Fund - State Highway Allowance	707.64	
Impounding and Sale of Cattle	312.00	1,274.39
Tailings - Unclaimed Checks	109.55	109.55
Walter Pratt Private Fund	5.00	5.00
Trust Fund Income:		
Bridgman Charity	1,473.95	
Cemetery Perpetual Care	45.51	1,519.46
Old Age Assistance Recoveries	3,671.00	3,671.00
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance- Administration	55.78	
Assistance	255.10	
Aid to Dependent Children, Administration	9.01	
Aid	41.68	
Old Age Assistance: Administration	372.27	
Assistance	3,804.56	
George Barden, Smith-Hughes Fund	198.00	4,736.40
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch	1,182.48	
School Athletics	9.46	1,191.94
Appropriation Balances:		
Revenue: General	145,607.70	
Non-Revenue:		
Elementary School Construction	304.98	145,912.68
Sale of Real Estate Fund	813.68	813.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund	175.00	175.00
Road Machinery Fund	6,012.35	6,012.35
Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus	6,764.14	6,764.14

General Accounts (Continued)

		Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
		Levy of 1956	$96.60	
		Levy of 1957	2,480.12	
		Levy of 1958	12,772.92	15,349.64
		Revenue Reserved until Collected:		
		Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	8,904.76	
		Farm Animal Excise	81.17	
		Special Assessment	130.00	
		Tax Title and Possession	561.52	
		Departmental	352.88	
		Aid to Highway	49,478.55	59,508.88
		Surplus Revenue	89,908.42	89,908.42
	$455,262.62			$455,262.62

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:		
Inside Debt Limit:		Inside Debt Limit:	[illegible]	
General	$153,000.00	Sewer Loan, 1949	27,000.00	
Outside Debt Limit:		Sewer Loan, 1952	3,000.00	
General	154,000.00	Fire Equipment Loan, 1953	2,000.00	
		School Bldg, Loan, 1952,	121,000.00	153,000.00
		Outside Debt Limit:		
		School Bldg. Loan, 1952,	154,000.00	154,000.00
	$307,000.00			$307,000.00

TRUST and INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		In custody of Treasurer:	
Cash and Securities:		Susan M.D. Bridgman Charity Fund	3,500.00
In custody of Treasurer	$72,906.58	Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	10,134.99
		George D. Longley School Music Fund	3,015.13
		Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	8,457.90
		Calvin Bridgman Libray Fund	4,351.31
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	516.79
		Nellie Brown Mt. Hope Cemetery Fund	1,075.04
		Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fund	1,426.37
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	28,869.83
		Post-War rehabilitation Fund	6,270.23
		War Memorial Fund	5,288.99
	$72,906.58		$72,906.58

Minutes of Town Meetings

Recorded by Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR ANNUAL MEETING FEBRUARY 10, 1958

Art. 1. Elected Mrs. Sophia Pero, Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller as almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman fund, each for one year—Mr. D. Donald Hazen as trustee ot the Calvin Bridgman fund for three years.

Art. 2. Voted that the reports of the officers and committees of the town be accepted as printed in the Town Report, with the exception of the Finance Committee report. (Report of Committee read and accepted—voted to continue committee for one year.)

Art. 3. Voted to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the Dog License fund after damages are paid.

Art. 4. Voted the sum of $7,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways and that in addition the sum of $28,325.00 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the Treasury, to meet the State's share in the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored upon their receipts to unappropiated funds in the Treasury.

Art. 5. Voted the sum of $3,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction on Chauncey D. Walker Street (Route 21—Turkey Hill Road). And that in addition the sum of $12,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon their receipt to the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Art. 6. Voted the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Maintenance, and that in addition the sum of $4,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Art. 7. Voted to authorize the payment of $325.00 for the salaries of the School Committee for the year ensuing.

Art. 8. Voted to allow the Cemetery Commissioners to appoint themselves to work in the cemeteries at a rate not to exceed $1.25 per hour for the year 1958, as provided for in the General Laws.

Art. 9. Voted to authorize the payment of $200.00 for the salaries of the Sewer Commissioners for the year ensuing.

Art. 10. Voted to authorize the Sewer Commissioners to appoint themselves to work on the Town Sewer System at a rate not to exceed $1.50 per hour for the year 1958.

Art. 11. Voted to transfer from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $926.92 to the Insurance Account.

Art. 12. Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year, beginning January 1, 1958, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of the General Laws.

Art. 13. Voted to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three persons to determine what action should be taken to procure additional office space for the various town offices, said committee to thoroughly investigate the feasibility of either constructing, remodeling or purchasing additional space, and to report back with their recommendations to the Board of Selectmen, as soon as possible, preferably by July 1, and not later than September 1, 1959 or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. Voted that the Town will, under the provisions of Chapter 40, Section 21 of the General Laws, adopt an order for the requiring of all town officers, elected and appointed, to pay all fees received by them by virtue of their office into the town treasury, such payment of fees into the town treasury to be made not later than the fifth day following the preceding month.

Art. 15. Voted to instruct the Town Clerk to search the records for all By-laws, Orders, Adoption and/or acceptance of Chapters of the General Laws and Board of Health Regulations, during the current year and to further instruct the Town Clerk to procure an estimate as to the cost of printing same in booklet form for distribution as outlined in Article 15 and to submit such estimate to the Annual Town Meeting of 1959 to provide for funds.

Art. 16. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $361.80 to purchase an electric adding machine for the use of the Collector of Taxes, Town Treasurer and Board of Assessors.

Art. 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $215.00 for the purchase of a duplicating machine (spirit type) for the use of the various town officers.

Art. 18. Tabled.

Art. 19. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to sell or trade a 1953 Ford Dump Truck, as is, and to use the proceeds toward the purchase of a new dump truck, and further that the sum of not exceeding $4,000.00 be appropriated from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to pay any balance of such purchase.

Art. 20. Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $5,000.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

Art. 21. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a Sander, and further, that the sum of $2,900.00 from the Road Machinery Earnings Account be made available for such purchase.

Art. 22. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a snow plow blade for the grader, and further, that the sum of $900.00 from the Road Machinery Earnings Account be made available for such purpose.

Art. 23. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to purchase a used truck for use with the sander mentioned in Article 21, and further, that the sum of $1,000.00 from the Road Machinery Earnings Account be made available for such purpose.

Art. 24. Voted to appropriate the sum of $700.00 for the installation of two additional town offices in the basement of Lawrence Memorial Hall (Recreation Room).

Art. 25. Voted that the report of the Finance Committee be considered, and that each item in the report be accepted as a written motion as required by the Town By-laws.

	Appropriation	Unavailable Funds
Selectmen		
Chairman	$375.00	
Clerk	325.00	
Other member	325.00	
Expenses	200.00	
Town Accountant		
Salary	750.00	
Expenses	75.00	
Town Treasurer		
Salary	1,350.00	
Expenses	832.00	
Town Collector		
Salary	1,700.00	
Expenses	1,004.00	
Town Clerk		
Salary	850.00	
Expenses	348.00	

Assessors	
Chairman	500.00
Other member	400.00
Other member	400.00
Expenses	1,450.00
Election and Registration	1,775.00
Certification of Notes	10.00
Law	400.00
Town Hall	1,000.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall	450.00
American Legion Headquarters	400.00
Police	5,200.00
Fire Department	2,975.00
Forest Fires	1,500.00
Hydrant Service	1,500.00
Moth Suppression	600.00
Dutch Elm Disease	800.00
Tree Warden	1,200.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00
Inspector of Wires (Salary)	300.00
Civil Defense	1,197.00
Health Salaries	350.00
Health Expenses	2,150.00
Sewers—Maintenance	3,600.00
Highways—Snow	6,000.00
Highways—Streets	1,500.00
Highways—Bridges	3,000.00
Highways—Sidewalks	250.00
Water Holes	300.00
Street Lights	3,188.00
Veterans' Aid	5,300.00
Public Welfare	
Salaries—Chairman	175.00
Other member	125.00
Other member	125.00

Public Welfare—District	1,785.00	
Public Welfare—General Relief	1,500.00	
Old Age Assistance	34,000.00	
Disability Assistance	3,000.00	
Aid to Dependent Children	750.00	
Schools		
General Control	11,255.00	
Instruction	141,673.20	
Operation of Schools	24,158.00	
Repairs and Replacements	3,960.00	
Transportation	33,300.00	
Health	4,500.00	
Miscellaneous	755.00	
Household Arts	5,602.00	
Capital Outlay	2,000.00	
Library	550.00	
Vocational Education	6,000.00	
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00	
Parsons Recreation Field	350.00	
Summer Recreation Program	350.00	
Insurance	11,303.08	
Memorial Day	200.00	
Veterans Day	60.00	
Photostats of Discharges	10.00	
Town Dump	350.00	
Town Clock	100.00	
Belchertown Common	350.00	
Unclassified	800.00	
Reserve Fund		$5,000.00
Cemeteries	1,500.00	
Soldiers' Graves	250.00	
Interest	7,550.00	
Maturing Debt	25,000.00	
Retirement Payments	2,006.05	

War Memorial ($4,755.60)	300.00
Planning Board	1,000.00

Art. 26. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1957:

Jackson's Store—Police	$12.96
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products—Police	34.54
Robert Anderson—Police	2.00
Willard Young—Police	14.00
Andrew T. Sears	28.20
Ernest M. Gay—Police	68.70
Lester Beaudoin—Police	12.00
Royal K. Gay—Police	12.00
William F. Kimball, Jr.—Police	28.00
Herbert E. Squires—Police	23.30
James Baker—Police	8.00
Edward Czech—Police	15.00
Worcester Co. Electric Co.—Road Machinery Expense	11.40
Rowe's Garage, Inc.—Road Machinery Expense	24.80
Socony Mobil Oil Co., Inc.—Road Machinery Expense	105.28
Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency—Insurance	947.89
Worcester County Electric Co.—Legion Headquarters	2.00
Hampshire County Sanatorium—Health	69.75
Kenneth L. Collard, M. D.—Health	25.00
Transportation—Vocational Education (payable to sundry pupils)	110.80
Springfield Trade Day School—Vocational Education	720.00
Springfield Trade Evening School—Voc. Education	142.75
Holyoke Trade Day School—Vocational Education	102.50
Holyoke Trade Evening School—Vocational Education	9.00
New Salem Academy Day School—Voc. Education	355.00
Smith School, Northampton—Vocational Education	313.14

Art. 27. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $700.00 to surface Shea Avenue, a public way, with permanent type construction.

Art. 28. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the improvements of a section of Sabin Street, a public way.

Art. 29. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $900.00 for the improvement of a section of George Hannum Street, a public way.

Art. 30. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for the improvement of a section of Cold Spring Road, a public way.

Art. 31. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $900.00 for the improvement of a section of South Street, a public way.

Art. 32. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $900.00 for the improvement of a section of South Washington Street, a public way.

Art. 33. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $900.00 for the improvement of Munsell Road and Gold Street, a public way.

Art. 34. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the construction of a sidewalk on a section of Franklin Street, a public way.

Art. 35. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the further extension of the sidewalk on North Washington Street.

Art. 36. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for improvement of the sidewalk on Mill Valley Road.

Art. 37. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $325.00 for the installation of street lights as follows:

Pole No. 31, North Main Street, 6,000 Lumen Light
Pole No. 32, Federal Street, 6,000 Lumen Light
Pole No. 34, Federal Street, 6,000 Lumen Light
Pole No. 1, Sargent Street, 6,000 Lumen Light

Pole No. 1, Daniel Shays Highway, 6,000 Lumen Light, and to remove

Pole No. 32, Federal Street, the 1,000 Lumen light now in use.

Art. 38. Voted to make the following changes in the street lighting program in the South Belchertown section of town, and raise and appropriate the sum of $412.00 necessary to make these changes:

Depot Street—install 6,800 Lumen Mercury Vapor lamps on poles No. 8, 10 and 14, and install 3,300 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lamps on poles No. 2, 4, 6 and 12, and to remove 4 1,000 Lumen Lamps on poles No. 3, 5, 7 and 10.

Franklin Street—install 6,800 Lumen Mercury Vapor Lamp on pole No. 9 and 3,300 Lumen Mercury Lamps on poles No. 11, 13 and 15, and to remove 2 1,000 Lumen Lamps located on poles No. 9 and 15.

Art. 39. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $18.00 to install a 1,000 watt street lamp on pole No. 27, Sargent Street.

Art. 40. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $18.00 to install a 1,000 Lumen street lamp on pole No. 4, South Main Street.

Art. 41. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $628.38 for the recording in Land Court of the sewer right of way crossing land formerly owned by Fannie Endelson and now owned by George Jackson, such recording representing a fee owed to John T. Casey, Registered Land Surveyor of Ware, and in the amount of $628.38.

Art. 42. Voted to pay twenty-five (25%) of the expense of laying out and constructing a sewer pipe line or lines in Chadbourne Street and Lloyd Avenue, and instruct the Sewer Commissioners to assess the balance of said expense upon the owners of land benefited by said sewer line or lines by a fixed uniform rate, based upon the frontage of said land on said way or ways in which said sewer line or lines are constructed, all as provided by Section 15 of Chapter 83 of the General Laws.

Art. 43. Voted to borrow the sum of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00) payable in not over 4 years, with the approval of the Emergency Finance Board of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and appropriate the $2,000.00 thus borrowed, together with the sum of eight hundred dollars ($800.00) to be raised by taxation, for the cost of laying out and constructing a sewer pipe line or lines in Chadbourne Street and Lloyd Avenue.

Art. 44. Voted to allow the Board of Assessors to be paid for additional work at the rate of $2.00 per hour, not to exceed the amount in the appropriation for expenses for the Assessors.

Art. 45. Voted to authorize the Board of Assessors to perform and complete work in connection with the revaluation of taxable property in town and to receive compensation therefor, but not to exceed the sum of ($1,200.00) in accordance with the provisions of Section 4A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, said compensation to be paid from the appropriation previously voted by the town for an expert appraisal of taxable property in the town.

Art. 46. Voted the town raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the purpose of waterproofing a portion of the exterior of the High School building, under the direction of the School Committee.

Art. 47. Voted to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of three persons, two of whom should be active members of the building trades, said committee to inspect all town buildings, and determine what repairs and renovations are necessary at the present time and to report their findings to the Board of Selectmen not later than December 1, 1958, in order to set up a maintenance program which can be considered at the next annual town meeting.

Art. 48. Voted to accept from Ernest Ducharme, Inc. a newly laid out street known as Daniel Square, extending from Stebbins Street Northerly a distance of four hundred fifty-five (455) feet, and forty feet wide; Westerly six hundred and fifty-eight (658) feet, and forty feet wide; as shown on a lay out plan by John J. McCool, dated November, 1954, and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Northampton, Mass., and further, that these streets shall be accepted as public highways and designated as Daniel Square, as presently named.

Art. 49. Voted to have the annual statement of Financial Transactions required of the Town Accountant under Article IV, Section 1 of our Town By-laws furnished for 1958 and subsequent years in the same detailed manner as published in the 1953 Town Report and previous years.

Art. 50. Negative vote. Motion carried to reconsider school budget as one figure, negative vote.

Art. 51. Adjournment—10:05 p. m.

WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
APRIL 21, 1958

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a fire resistant record cabinet and other office equipment for use in the Town Offices or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for the Chapter 90 Maintenance program of 1958, said sum to be in addition to funds previously appropriated in Article 6 of the warrant for the annual town meeting held February 10th, 1958, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to rescind all action under Article 42 of the warrant for the annual town meeting held February 10, 1958, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to pay twenty-five percent (25%) of the cost of laying out and constructing a sewer pipe line or lines in Chadbourne Street and Lloyd Avenue, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to rescind all action taken under Article 43 of the warrant for the annual town meeting held February 10, 1958, whereby the sum of $2,800.00 was appropriated for the purpose of laying out, and constructing a sewer pipe line or lines in Chadbourne Street and Lloyd Avenue, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of $2,800.00 to provide for the cost of laying out, and constructing a sewer pipe line or lines on Chadbourne Street and Lloyd Avenue, and whether betterments shall be levied on the abuttors in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80 of the General Laws, or act otherwise thereon.

Art. 7. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, APRIL 21, 1958

Art. 1. Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,900. for the purchase of a fire resistant record cabinet and other office equipment for use in the town offices.

Art. 2. Voted to appropriate the sum of $1,000. for the Chapter 90 Maintenance program of 1958, said sum to be in addition to funds previously appropriated in Article 6 of the Warrant for the annual town meeting held February 10, 1958.

Art. 3. Voted to rescind all action taken under Article 42 of the Warrant for the annual town meeting held February 10, 1958.

Art. 4. Voted that the town pay twenty-five per cent (25%) of the cost of laying out and constructing a sewer pipe line or lines in Chadbourne Street and Lloyd Avenue.

Art. 5. Voted to rescind all action taken under Article 43 of the Warrant for the annual town meeting held February 10, 1958.

Art. 6. Voted to appropriate the sum of $2,800. to provide for the cost of laying out and constructing a sewer pipe line or lines on Chadbourne Street and Lloyd Avenue; and further voted that sewer betterments be levied against the abuttors of the aforesaid street and avenue in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80 of the General Laws.

WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
JUNE 11, 1958

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to amend Article 48 of the warrant acted upon at the annual town meeting held February 10, 1958 (action concerning the acceptance of Daniel Square as a public way) amendment to be made as follows: by inserting after the words Westerly six hundred and fifty-eight (658) feet and forty feet wide the following: Southerly four hundred (400) feet to Stebbins Street forty feet wide or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to rescind action on Article 37 of the warrant for the annual town meeting held on February 10, 1958, article concerning additional lighting for the intersection of Rts. 9 and 202 or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of street lights at the intersection of Rts. 9 and 202 as recommended in a letter from the Worcester County Electric Co., dated March 7, 1958, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,000.00 for the sewer maintenance account, said sum representing the town's share currently due in 1958 and payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for maintenance work on the filter beds at the Belchertown State School, this amount representing one-third of the town's share on a maintenace and repair program currently being carried on at the Belchertown State School, or take any action relative thereto.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, JUNE 11, 1958

Art. 1. Amended

Voted to amend article 48 of the Warrant acted upon at the annual town meeting held February 10, 1958, amendment to be made as follows: by inserting after the words Westerly six hundred and fifty-eight feet and forty feet wide, the following: Southerly four hundred feet to Stebbins Street, forty feet wide. So that the present description of Daniel Square as accepted from Ernest Ducharme, Inc., be as follows: extending from Stebbins Street northerly a distance of four hundred fifty-five feet with a forty foot width, westerly six hundred and fifty-eight feet with a forty foot width, southerly four hundred feet to Stebbins Street with a forty foot width. As shown on a layout plan by John J. McCool, dated

November 1954 and recorded in Hampshire County Registry of Deeds, Northampton, Mass. and further that these streets are accepted as public town highways and designated as Daniel Square as presently named.

Art. 2. Voted to rescind action taken on Article 37 of the Warrant for the annual town meeting held on February 10, 1958, article concerning additional lighting for the intersection of Routes 9 and 202.

Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $322.00 for the installation of street lights at the intersection of Routes 9 and 202 as recommended in a letter from Worcester County Electric Company, dated March 7, 1958.

Art. 4. Amended

Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $6,000.00 for the sewer maintenance account, said sum representing the Town's share currently due in 1958, and payable to the Commonwealth of Massachusetts (Dept. of Mental Health), for maintenance work on the filter beds at the Belchertown State School, this amount representing one-third of the Town's share, subject to confirmation by the Department of Mental Health in writing, on a maintenance and repair program, currently being carried on at the Belchertown State School.

(⅓ of total 1959, ⅓ 1960)

WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 20, 1958

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury the sum of $2,000.00 to the Snow Removal Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $250.00 for the purchase of a snow plow for the Grader. Said sum to be in addition to the $900.00 previously appropriated in Article 22 of the annual town meeting held February 10, 1958, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,250.00 for the purchase of two snow plows, one for use on the new Ford truck, and the other for use on the Brockaway truck, and to further authorize the Selectmen to trade or sell the present plows if possible, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to make such rules and regulations as necessary to control boating on all waters within the limits of this town. Such Rules and Regulations to be drawn up after a public hearing, and to be duly approved by the proper State agency, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee composed of from three to five members to consult with the Water Commissioners of the Belchertown Water District to determine the feasibility of extending the water mains to the area along Bay Road and around the lakes. Said committee to report back at the Annual Town Meeting to be held in February of 1959, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to abandon using as a public way the connecting road between East Walnut St. and Cottage St. adjacent to the property of Adelyn Stacy. The town to retain its present Sewer right of way, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to designate as a public way that strip of property presently owned by the town between East Walnut St. and Cottage St. adjacent to property owned by Harold E. Kimball, or to take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee of not less than three, nor more than five to investigate the possibility of procuring water from the Three Rivers Water District for use of residents on the southern portion of the Three Rivers Road area. Said committee to report back to the Annual Town Meeting in February of 1959, or to take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money for the Board of Assessors' Expense Account, or to take any action relative thereto.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, OCTOBER 20, 1958

Art. 1. Amended and voted as follows: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000 for the Snow Removal Account.

Art. 2. Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $250.00 for the purchase of a snow plow for grader.

Art. 3. Voted to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $2,250.00 for the purchase of two snow plows, to be used on the new Ford Truck and the Brockway truck; and to further authorize the Selectmen to trade or sell the present plows if possible.

Art. 4. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to make By-laws as necessary to control boating on all waters within the limits of this town. Such By-laws to be drawn up after a public hearing, and to be duly approved by the proper state agency.

Art. 5. Tabled, voted to reconsider, then;

Voted to instruct the Moderator to appoint a committee composed of from three to five members to consult with the Water Commissioners of the Belchertown Water District to determine the feasibility of extending the Water Mains to the area along Bay Road and around the lakes. Said cmmittee to report back at the Annual Town Meeting to be held in February, 1959.

Art. 6. Tabled.

Art. 7. Tabled.

Art. 8. Voted that the Moderator appoint a committee of not less than three nor more than five to investigate the possibility of procuring water from the Three Rivers Water District for use of the residents on the southern portion of the Three Rivers Road area. Said committee to report back at the Annual Town Meeting in February of 1959.

Art. 9. Amended and voted as follows: Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $630.15 for the Board of Assessors' Expense Account.

WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
OCTOBER 27, 1958

to determine by vote, with printed ballots the following question, viz:

"Shall the town accept the provisions of sections sixteen to sixteen I, inclusive, of Chapter seventy-one of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a Regional School District, together with the town of Granby, and the construction, maintenance and operation of a Regional school by the said District in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the Selectmen?"

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLE IN WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OCTOBER 27, 1958

YES 204
NO 441

WARRANT FOR A SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 18, 1958

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $411.58 for snow plowing by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the Amherst Road (Route 9), said services were performed in the year 1956, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the expenses of the Building Inspector for the current year, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of additional voting booths, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to establish a Regional School District Planning Board in accordance with Chapter 71, Section 14 of the General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a School Needs Committee composed of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members, including one (1) or more members of the Regional School District Planning Board, said committee to study diverse ways of meeting school expansion requirements including:

a. Regionalizing with the Town of Granby on the basis of a Junior-Senior High School or a Senior High School only.

b. Leasing facilities either to or from Granby if either Town builds its own High school.

c. Adding to our present school buildings.

d. Building our own High School.

and to make a preliminary report at the next annual town meeting to be held in February 1959 and thereafter at special town meetings at intervals of not more than six months until said committee is discharged, or take any action relative thereto.

ACTION TAKEN ON ARTICLES OF WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER 18, 1958

Art. 1. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $411.58 for snow plowing by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts on the Amherst Road (Route 9), said services were performed in the year 1956. (Unanimous)

Art. 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $200.00 for the expense of the Building Inspector for the current year. (Unanimous)

Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $175.00 for construction of additional voting booths.

Voted to act on Article 5 prior to Article 4. (Yes 44, No 31)

Art. 4. Voted to establish a Regional School District Planning

Board in accordance with Chapter 71, Section 14 of the General Laws.

Art. 5. Voted to instruct the Moderator to appoint a School Needs Committee composed of not less than three (3) nor more than five (5) members, including one (1) or more members of the Regional School District Planning Board, if appointed, said committee to study diverse ways of meeting school expansion requirements, including:

a. Regionalizing with the Town of Granby on the basis of a Junior-Senior High School or a Senior High School only.

b. Leasing facilities either to or from Granby if either town builds its own High School.

c. Adding to our present school buildings.

d. Building our own High School.

and to make a preliminary report at the next annual town meeting to be held in February 1959 and thereafter at special town meetings at intervals of not more than six months until said committee is discharged.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE TO INVESTIGATE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A PARKS AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

Feb. 10, 1958

The Committee authorized under Article 30, of the Annual Town Warrant and voted on February 11, 1957, was appointed by the Moderator, and has been studying the feasibility of the establishment of a Parks and Playground Commission for the Town of Belchertown.

The properties under consideration are, the Common, Parsons Field, the Old Town Hall, and the land owned by the Town on Lake Arcadia (Middle Pond, so called).

With the cooperation of the Town Clerk and checking in the Registry of Deeds, we find no restrictions on these properties excepting those which were established by vote of the Town.

At this time it is not clear as to the possibility of establishing such a Commission under the provisions of the existing General Laws.

One public hearing has been held, but due to conflicting activities, the meeting was sparsely attended. However, enthusiastic endorsement of some action along these lines has been given to the Committee.

It is our desire to hold further public hearings, consider this matter with the Planning Board and estimate costs before making specific recommendations.

We respectfully recommend that this report be accepted as a report of progress, and that the Committee be extended for another year.

MILTON R. LOCKE
JAMES J. MULLANE
ISAAC A. HODGEN
WILLARD H. YOUNG, JR.

Report of Veterans Services

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

As Veterans Agent, I herewith submit a report covering the year 1958.

A total of cases has been handled and investigations have been made on all new cases.

At the close of the year there were but 2 permanent cases and 4 pending.

Three patients admitted to the Soldiers Home for treatment and 2 who go there weekly for treatment.

Three patients admitted to Westfield Sanitorium, one decided not to accept Veterans Benefits, one proved to be a Boston settlement, and one is still there.

Statistical Report follows:

Ordinary benefits	$3,712.88	
Fuel	278.00	
Doctors' services	206.00	
Dental	43.00	
Medication	328.10	
Housekeeper	280.00	
Mileage to school	311.20	
Temporary relief	65.00	
Rent and transportation of hospital bed	15.00	$5,264.18
Reimbursements from state for 1957-1958 expenditures		1,906.91

Respectfully submitted,
FANNY G. MOREY,
Veterans Agent

Report of Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET

December 31, 1958

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Cash		$142,473.80
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes		
Levy of 1956		
Personal Property		96.60
Levy of 1957		
Poll Taxes	$6.00	
Personal Property	23.76	
Real Estate	916.16	
		945.92
Levy of 1958		
Poll Taxes	24.00	
Personal Property	1,014.67	
Real Estate	40,595.32	41,633.99
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1956	8.17	
Levy of 1957	100.04	
Levy of 1958	3,065.09	3,173.30
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1958		52.88
Special Assessments:		
Sewer Rentals of 1957	45.00	
Sewer Rentals of 1958	95.73	
		140.73

State and County Assessments:		
State Parks & Reservations		$20.77
Payroll Deductions:		
Withholding Taxes		———
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	7.95	
Group Insurance	3.14	
		11.09
Agency:		
Dog Licenses—due county		1.75
Impounding & Sale of Cattle		312.00
Insurance Reserve		861.25
Tailings		
Unclaimed Checks		109.55
Trust Fund Income		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, dividend		420.00
Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund		1,053.95
Cemetery Perpetual Care, Income		45.51
Old Age Recoveries		3,671.00
Federal Grants:		
D.A., assistance	72.15	
D.A., Administration	55.78	
A.D.C., Assistance	135.76	
A.D.C., Administration	9.01	
O.A.A., Assistance	1,630.96	
O.A.A., Administration	372.27	
Smith Hughes-George Barden	126.00	
		2,401.93

Tax Titles & Tax Possessions:		
Tax Titles	561.01	
Tax Possessions	154.62	
		715.63
Departmental:		
Aid to Dependent Children	106.58	
Old Age Assistance	330.91	
		437.49
Aid to Highways:		
State	10,806.68	
County	4,000.02	
		14,806.70
Revenue of 1959		3,416.73
Underestimate:		
County Tax		1,494.86
Dog Officer—due from County		48.00
Withholding Taxes		3.65
Snow Removal—Overdraft		205.80
OVERDRAFTS ON WELFARE:		
D.A.	29.95	
A.D.C.	65.55	
O.A.A.	1,807.21	
		1,902.71
		$211,458.79

Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch	184.67	
High School Athletic Fund	2.46	
		187.13
Appropriation Balances:		4,384.26
Non Revenue		
New Elementary School Equip.	19.77	
New Elementary School Fund	47.30	
		67.07
Sale of Real Estate		813.68
Sale of Cemetery Lots		175.00
Road Machinery Earnings		4,654.32
Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus		9,336.90
Overlays		
Levy of 1956	96.60	
Levy of 1957	1,298.22	
Levy of 1958	4,169.21	
		5,564.03
Revenue Reserved until collected:		
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise		3,173.30
Farm Animal Excise		52.88
Special Assessments		140.73
Tax Titles & Tax Possessions		715.63
Departmental		437.49
State & County Aid to Highways		14,806.70
Surplus Revenue		158,040.87
Appropriation Balances carried forward		4,384.26
		$211,458.79

DEBT ACCOUNTS

1958

NET FUNDED OR FIXED DEBT		SERIAL LOANS:	
Inside Debt Limit:		Inside Debt Limit:	
General	$150,000.00	Sewer Loan of 1949	$ 27,000.00
		Sewer Loan of 1952	2,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:	154,000.00	School Bldg. Loan of 1952	121,000.00
		Outside Debt Limit:	
		School Bldg. Loan of 1952	154,000.00
	$304,000.00		$304,000.00

TRUST & INVESTMENT FUNDS

		Custody of Treasurer	
Trust & Investment Funds		Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund	$ 3,500.00
Cash & Securities		Whiting Street Poor Fund	9,887.00
In Custody of Treasurer	$73,943.87	George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,460.36
		Calvin Bridgman H. S. Fund	8,584.76
		Calvin Bridgman Library	4,416.58
		Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fence	1,447.76
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	524.53
		Nellie Brown Cemetery Fund	1,091.17
		Cemetery Perpetual Care	29,302.87
		Post War Rehabilitation	6,364.28
		War Memorial Fund	5,364.56
	$73,943.87		$73,943.87

BALANCES ON APPROPRIATIONS

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Selectmen, Salaries	$1,025.00		1,025.00	
Selectmen, Expenses	200.00		198.34	1.66
Town Accountant, Salary	750.00		750.00	
Town Accountant, Expense	75.00		59.19	15.81
Treasurer, Salary	1,350.00		1,350.00	
Treasurer, Expenses	832.00		802.76	29.24
Tax Collector, Salary	1,700.00		1,700.00	
Tax Collector, Expenses	1,004.00		989.74	14.26
Town Clerk, Salary	850.00		850.00	
Town Clerk, Expenses	348.00	100.00*t	344.45	103.55
Assessors, Salaries	1,300.00		1,300.00	
Assessors, Expenses	1,450.00	100.00*t 630.15**	2,167.05	12.10
Law	400.00	50.00*t	450.00	
Certification of Notes	10.00		4.00	
Elections and Registrations	1,775.00		1,499.77	275.23
Planning Board	1,000.00	97.50°c	72.92	1,024.83
Town Hall	1,000.00		978.67	21.33
Lawrence Memorial Hall	450.00	21.18t	471.18	
American Legion Headq'rters	400.00		374.83	25.17
Police Department	5,200.00	200.00*t	5,392.46	7.54
Fire Department	2,975.00		2,381.57	592.43
Forest Fire Account	1,500.00		1,285.25	214.75
Hydrant Service	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Cleaning & Rep. Water Holes	300.00	673.34c	334.15	639.19
Moth Suppression	600.00		599.60	.40
Dutch Elm	800.00		799.82	.18
Tree Warden	1,200.00		1,199.90	.10
Inspector of Wires	300.00		300.00	
Sealer Weights & Measures	100.00		100.00	
Civilian Defense	1,197.00		1,196.12	.88
Board of Health, Salaries	350.00		350.00	
Board of Health, Expenses	2,150.00	403.00t	2,150.83	402.17
Care of Town Dump	350.00	20.00t	341.26	28.74
Sewer Maintenance	3,600.00	600.00t	8,986.62	613.38

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Chadbourne Sewer Extension	800.00	2,800.00**	3,533.12	66.88
Highways, Chapter 81	7,000.00	28,325.00* 195.40r .01t	35,520.41	
Highways, Chap. 90C (1957)		2,768.14c 6.48t	2,774.62	
Highways, Ch. 90C (1958)	3,000.00	12,000.00* 16.36t	15,016.35	
Highways, Ch. 90 Maint.	5,000.00	1,000.00*	5,982.53	17.47
Hgys., Sp'f'ld Rd Const. Ch. 718		156.75c	156.75	
Hgys., Rock'mon Rd C'st. Ch. 718		105.48c	105.48	
Hgys., N. Wash. St. C'st. Ch. 718		2,501.91c	2,385.50	116.41
Highways, Streets	1,500.00	300.00t	1,764.09	35.91
Highways, Sabin St.	500.00		499.70	.30
Highways, Shea Avenue	700.00		700.00	
Hgys., Munsell & Gold Sts.	900.00		900.00	
Highways, Geo. Hannum St.	900.00	.10t	900.10	
Highways, Cold Spring Rd.	400.00	.11t	400.11	
Highways, So. Wash. St.	900.00		897.31	2.69
Highways, South St.	900.00		898.85	1.15
Highways, Bridges	3,000.00		2,845.48	154.52
Highways, Sidewalks	250.00		105.01	144.99
Hgys., No. Wash. St. Sidewalk	600.00	500.00** 5.00t	1,105.00	
Hgys., Franklin St. Sidewalk	500.00			500.00
Hgys., Mill Val. Rd. Sidewalk	500.00			500.00
Highways Snow Removal	6,000.00	2,000.00** 55.34t	8,261.14	—205.80
Hgys, Rd. Mach. Expense	5,000.00		4,977.06	22.94
Highways, Street Lighting	3,188.00	770.00**	3,529.79	428.21
New Dump Truck	4,000.00		3,999.00	1.00
Purchase of Used Truck	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Purchase of Sander	2,900.00		2,898.97	1.03
Purchase of 2 - 10 ft. Plows	2,250.00			
Purchase of 1 - 11 ft. Plow	1,150.00		2,876.94	523.06
Bel.-Granby Welfare Dist.	1,785.00		1,785.00	
Public Welfare, Salaries	425.00		425.00	
Public Welfare, Gen. Relief	1,500.00	59.09r	1,474.94	85.15

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Old Age Assistance	34,000.00	85.65r	33,956.35	129.30
Aid to Dependent Children	750.00		377.35	372.65
Disability Assistance	3,000.00		2,219.51	780.49
Veterans Aid, Salary	300.00		300.00	
Veterans Aid, Expended	5,000.00	452.20	5,564.18	188.02
School Department	227,753.20	448.08t		
		16.86r	226,429.86	1,788.27
New Elementary School Equip.		463.73c	443.96	19.77
Elementary School Bldg. Fund		82.83	35.53	47.30
Vocational Education	6,000.00		6,000.00	
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00	896.15**	1,594.50	1.65
Clapp Mem. Lib'ry Htg. Pl.	1,700.00		1,679.00	21.00
Regional School Planning Board		475.60c	256.00	219.60
Parsons Field	350.00		227.98	122.02
Summer Recreation	350.00		350.00	
Unclassified	800.00	155.00t	933.27	21.73
John L. Casey, Surveyor	628.38		628.38	
Waterproofing High School	1,000.00		1,000.00	
Purchase New Adding Mach	361.80		361.80	
" New Dupli'ting Mach.	215.00		215.00	
Two Offices, base. Mem. Hall	700.00		665.65	34.35
Office Equip. for 2 Offices	1,900.00		1,879.87	20.13
Hamp. Co. Retirement	2,006.05		2,006.05	
Care of Town Clock	100.00		100.00	
Insurance	7,472.20	926.92**		
		1,211.00t	9,148.87	461.25
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	2,857.80	21.46r	2,470.93	408.33
Group Life Insurance	973.08		894.90	78.18
Memorial Day	200.00		152.00	48.00
Veterans' Day	60.00		57.00	3.00
Soldiers' Graves	250.00		200.00	50.00
Photostatic Copies Discharges	10.00		3.42	6.58
Care of Common	350.00		142.94	207.06
Unpaid Bills of 1957	3,198.07		3,186.07	12.00
Reserve Fund	5,000.00		3,609.14	1,390.86
War Memorial	300.00		300.00	
Town History		191.00c		191.00
Revaluation of Town Property		2,438.70c	2,388.40	50.36
Bldg. Inspector's Exp. Acct.	200.00			200.00

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Const. add. Voting Booths	175.00			175.00
Cemeteries	1,500.00	775.00**	2,039.82	235.18
Interest	7,550.00	64.29t	7,614.29	
Maturing Debt	25,000.00		25,000.00	

t—Transfers r—Refunds c—Carryover d—Deficit **—Additional
*—State and County Allotments

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

December 31, 1958

SEWER CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1949 $ 27,000.00

Serial notes bearing interest at the rate of 2½% per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 20 years from date of issue and $1,000.00 annually for 5 years thereafter.

AMOUNT PAYABLE IN 1959 $2,000.00

SEWER CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1952 2,000.00

Serial notes bearing interest at the rate of 2½% per annum and maturing $1,000.00 annually for 8 years from date of issue.

AMOUNT PAYABLE IN 1959 1,000.00

SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN OF 1951 154,000.00

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.1% dated August 1, 1952 and payable annually $12,000.00 for 5 years and $11,000.00 annually for 15 years.

AMOUNT PAYABLE IN 1959 11,000.00

SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN OF 1952 121,000.00

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.1% dated August 1, 1952 payable $9,000.00 annually for 15 years and $8,000.00 annually for 5 years.

AMOUNT PAYABLE IN 1959 9,000.00

FANNY G. MOREY
Town Accountant

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Authorized by the Finance Committee

From Reserve Fund To:		
Insurance	$1,211.00	
Unclassified	155.00	
Assessors' Expense Account	100.00	
Town Clerk's Expense Acct.	100.00	
Highways—Streets	300.00	
Board of Health Expense	403.00	
School Dept.—Health	251.00	
School Dept.—Miscellaneous	197.08	
Police Dept.	200.00	
N. Washington St. Sidewalk	5.00	
Veterans' Aid	453.20	
Highways, Chapt. 81	.01	
Chapt. 90 C	6.48	
Chapt. 90 C	16.35	
George Hannum Rd.	.10	
Cold Spring Rd.	.11	
Law	50.00	
Town Dump	20.00	
Interest	64.29	
Memorial Hall	21.18	
Snow Removal	55.34	
		$3,609.14

I certify, that as Town Accountant, I have examined the Cash Accounts and Trust Funds of the Town Treasurer, Robert D. Camp, Sr. and have found balances sufficient to cover said accounts in case and in bank deposits.

FANNY G. MOREY
Town Accountant

January 14, 1958

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, S.S.

Personally appeared before me, Fanny G. Morey, Town Accountant and made oath that the above statement by her subscribed is true.

LOUIS E. FULLER

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE:		
Taxes, Robert D. Camp, Sr., Collector		
Levy of 1956		
Personal Property	902.98	
Real Estate	788.50	1,691.48
Levy of 1957		
Poll Taxes	8.00	
Personal Property	2,826.79	
Real Estate	18,437.28	21,272.07
Levy of 1958		
Poll Tax	1,852.00	
Personal Property	12,907.65	
Real Estate	212,393.79	227,153.44
Tax Title Redemption		1,139.77
Lien Release		2,291.00
STATE REIMBURSEMENTS:		
School Superintendent's Salary	3,333.33	
School Aid Chapt. 70	28,472.00	
School Construction	11,375.00	
Tuition—State Wards	4,342.12	
Transportation—State Wards	1,137.10	
Transportation	28,592.92	
Temporary aid to Transportation	74.20	
Vocational Education	4,875.76	
Loss of Taxes	4,090.97	
In lieu of taxes	1,339.39	
State Income Tax	13,830.00	
Corporation Tax Business	9,801.49	
O. A. A. (Meals Tax)	1,752.69	
Dept. of Public Health, T. B.	260.71	
Live Stock Control	150.00	113,427.68

LICENCES & PERMITS:		
Licenses:		
Alcoholic Beverages	2,425.00	
All other Licenses	266.00	2,691.00
Permits:		
Marriage	54.00	
All other permits	277.50	331.50
FINES & FORFFEITS:		
Court Fines	241.40	
Water Liens	142.72	384.12
GRANTS & GIFTS:		
Old Age Assistance, Federal Grants	21,198.89	
Aid Dependent Children, Fed. Grants	374.38	
Disability Assistance Fed. Grants	1,167.75	
Disability Assistance, Administration	15.15	22,756.17
GRANTS FROM STATE:		
Old Age Assistance	25,027.02	
Aid Dependent Children	100.62	
Disability Assistance	1,326.23	
Public Welfare, MDC	229.72	
School Lunch	11,160.36	
Veterans' Services	1,906.91	39,750.86
GRANTS FROM COUNTY:		
Dog Fund		896.15
COMMERCIAL REVENUE:		
Special Assessments:		
Sewer Rental of 1956	60.00	
Sewer Rental of 1957	255.00	
Sewer Rental of 1958	4,340.00	4,655.00
PRIVILEGES:		
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1955, paid after abatement	10.90	
Levy of 1956	19.05	
Levy of 1957	7,791.09	
Levy of 1958	37,027.69	44,848.73
FARM ANIMAL EXCISE:		
Levy of 1957	95.38	
Levy of 1958	574.54	669.92

DEPARTMENTAL:		
Sale of Street Lists	3.00	
Sale of Town Maps	50.70	
Sale of Town Plows	325.00	
Rent of Memorial Hall	158.00	
Rent of Town Common	200.00	
Rent of Town Equipment	26.00	
Town Clerk & Collectors Fees	2,689.15	3,451.85
HIGHWAYS:		
State Reimbursement	65,746.53	
County Reimbursement	6,999.98	
Road Machinery Earnings	5,444.75	78,191.26
CHARITIES:		
Reimbursement for Relief From Cities & Towns		542.72
PROTECTION OF PROPERTY:		
Dog Officers fees		420.00
SCHOOLS:		
School Lunch Income	27,300.24	
High School Athletic Fund	678.78	27,979.02
CEMETERIES:		
Care of Cemeteries	2.00	
From Perpetual Care Fund	775.00	777.00
ADMINISTRATION OF TRUST FUNDS:		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, Dividend	420.00	
Whiting Street Poor Fund	773.35	
Smith Hughes-George Barden Funds	288.00	
George Longley School Music Fund	600.00	2,081.35
INTEREST:		
On Deposits in Bank	1,281.43	
On Taxes	671.66	
On Tax Titles	92.54	2,046.54
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:		
Anticipated Revenue Loans		100,000.00
AGENCY TRUST & INVESTMENT:		
Sporting Licenses	1,942.00	
Dog Licenses	1,300.25	
Insurance Reserve	861.35	4,103.60
TRUST FUNDS:		
Walter Pratt Private Trust	55.61	

Federal Withholding Taxes	28,750.48	
Retirement deductions	2,162.86	
Teachers' Health Insurance	1,536.85	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	2,507.95	
Group Life Insurance	898.04	35,911.79
REFUNDS:		
Old Age Assistance Checks returned	85.65	
General Relief	151.63	
Disability Recoveries	50.00	
Damages to Town Property	78.00	
School Dept. checks returned	16.85	
Insurance	34.17	
Wages, overpaid	60.00	
Unidentified Cash	6.51	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Town Account	21.46	504.27
		$739,968.29
Cash on hand January 1, 1958		121,799.85
		$861,768.14

EXPENDITURES
1958

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

SELECTMEN:

Salaries		
John W. Avery, Chairman	375.00	
Charles W. Austin, Member	325.00	
Michael S. Mathras, Clerk	325.00	1,025.00
EXPENSES:		
Clerical Hire	56.50	
Printing, Postage, etc.	5.37	
Michael S. Mathras, Mileage, postage, etc.	40.47	
John W. Avery, miscellaneous expenses	40.00	
State Association Dues	25.00	
County Association Dues	6.00	
Law Book Filler	20.00	
Hampshire County Com.	5.00	198.34

TOWN ACCOUNTANT:		
Salary		750.00
EXPENSES:		
Repairs to adding machine	16.47	
Association Dues	3.00	
Ledger Sheets	5.17	
Trial Balance & Work Sheet pads	2.62	
Lewis Blackmer, Town Warrant Forms	16.68	
Lewis Blackmer, Vouchers	12.00	
Miscellaneous	.85	59.19
State Audit of Municipal Accounts		875.23
TREASURER:		
Salary		1,350.00
EXPENSES:		
Association Dues	2.00	
Clerical hire	287.25	
Surety Bond	160.00	
Robert D. Camp, Sr., mileage, P.O. Box & Special delivery letters	75.10	
Postage, Printing etc.	210.68	
Typewriter Ribbons & Supplies	39.87	
Raymond C. Warner, Registrar	12.00	
Check Register	13.48	
All others	2.38	802.76
TAX COLLECTOR:		
Salary		1,700.00
EXPENSES:		
Clerical hire	298.85	
Printing, Postage etc.	406.06	
Office Equipment	32.50	
Surety Bond	248.75	
All others	3.58	989.74
TOWN CLERK		
Salary		850.00
EXPENSES:		
Clerical hire	136.90	
Printing, postage etc.	171.54	
Surety Bond	7.50	

Rubber Stamp	13.00	
Association Dues	7.50	
All other	8.01	
		344.45
ASSESSORS:		
Salaries:		
William F. Kimball, Jr., Chairman	500.00	
George E. Booth	33.33	
William E. Aldrich	200.00	
Elliott S. Cordner	366.67	
Romeo J. Joyal	200.00	
		1,300.00
EXPENSES:		
Association Dues	9.00	
Clerical Hire	315.75	
Printing, Postage etc.	140.40	
Car Hire	10.00	
Recording at County Seat	52.20	
Locks for filing cabinet	19.85	
Staples, Desk Pen etc.	14.71	
New England Telephone Co.	91.98	
Revaluation of Property	1,500.00	
All other	4.19	
		2,168.05
LAW:		
Town Attys. Morse & Morse	385.00	
All other attorneys	65.00	
		450.00
Certification of Notes		4.00
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS:		
Registrars	202.40	
Election Officers w/meals	749.39	
Postage, Printing, etc.	179.60	
Clerical hire	92.40	
Street Listing	240.00	
Posting Warrants	35.00	
Pencils for Voting Booths	.98	
		1,499.77
PLANNING BOARD:		
EXPENSE:		
Association Dues	20.00	
New England Blue Print Co.	8.94	

1 Town Map	.65	
Attending June Meeting	13.30	
Attending Nov. Meeting	9.48	
Attending Nov. 20th Meeting	20.55	
		72.92

TOWN HALL:

40% paid by Town, 60% by School Dept.

Janitor, Salary	106.00	
Rubbish removal	5.00	
Fuel	201.39	
Worcester County Electric Co.	47.15	
1 mop	.75	
Repairs	213.15	
Cleaning Boiler	14.00	
Cleaning, sanding & refinishing floor	391.23	
		978.67

LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL:

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	206.23	
Walter Henry, Electrical Repairs	29.80	
Holcomb Mfg. Co., Waterproofing Wax	27.50	
Worcester County Electric Co.	202.28	
All other	5.37	
		471.18

AMERICAN LEGION HEADQUARTERS:

Vernon Lodge Building Assoc., Rent	360.00	
Worcester County Electric Co.	14.83	
		374.83

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Ernest M. Gay, Chief—Time	897.25
Mileage	240.26
Telephone	115.48
Bookkeeping	18.75
Stamps & Supplies	18.52
Court Fees	59.78
All other	4.95
Andrew T. Sears, Time	525.00
Mileage	47.18
Court Fees	5.80
Pistol Permit	2.00
Adam Antonovitch, Time	386.00
Mileage	11.20

Pistol Permit	2.00	
Herbert E. Squires, Time	430.99	
Mileage	38.85	
Francis P. Loftus, Time	345.50	
Mileage	54.82	
William F. Kimball, Traffic	358.75	
June Kimball, Traffic	140.50	
Edward Czech	77.00	
Elwyn Bock	49.00	
Robert Anderson	61.25	
Lester Beaudoin	41.25	
Mabel Depot	156.25	
Clarence Hubbard	8.00	
Chester Dzwonkowski	50.00	
Royal Gay	40.00	
Merton Pratt	7.50	
Preston Atwood	80.00	
James Baker	50.00	
Willard Young	21.25	
EXPENSES:		
Association Dues	5.00	
Geo. Kenney, Finger Print Kit	46.31	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	493.23	
Slavin & Gordon	4.25	
Philorene Radio Com.	151.67	
Massachusetts Fire Equipment	6.00	
Jackson's	25.70	
Reece Auto Body, Repair Ambulance Lights	10.00	
Dr. K. L. Collard, Emergency call	10.00	
Victor Zabek	10.80	
Decals	12.25	
Surplus goods	3.50	
2 books license forms	10.00	
4,000 rounds 38 Special reloads	160.00	
Road Flares	29.83	
Don's Auto Service, Repairs to 51 Chevy	43.25	
H. W. DuBois, Finger Print Kit	12.45	
1 doz. pairs white gloves, Beers & Story	3.25	
All other	8.89	
		5,392.46

Pioneer Valley Spray, Insecticides	511.00	
		599.60
DUTCH ELM DISEASE:		
A. Brown, Supt. wages	237.60	
All other wages	242.22	
Equipment	320.00	
		799.82
TREE WARDEN:		
A. Brown Supt., Wages	309.50	
All other wages	443.40	
Equipment	437.00	
Western Mass. Assoc. Dues	2.00	
State Tree Wardens Assoc. Dues	8.00	
		1,199.90
INSPECTOR OF WIRES:		
Salary:		
Walter J. Henry, Jr.		300.00
SEALER WEIGHTS & MEASURES:		
1 Hammer Die & 1 Screw Die	3.65	
500 Wire Seals plus postage, Hobbs & Warren	8.35	
R. C. Gay, Sealer Wts. & Measures	88.00	
		100.00
CIVILIAN DEFENSE:		
Salary:		
David A. Staples, Director	540.00	
John V. Nelson	180.00	
EXPENSES:		
David A. Staples, trip to Boston	8.00	
Worcester County Electric Co.	16.00	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	117.08	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	20.99	
Motorola Receiver	250.00	
Installing Radio Ant.	30.00	
Jackson's, Office Supplies	10.75	
Surplus Goods	22.10	
John V. Nelson, Toll Calls	1.20	
		1,196.12
BOARD OF HEALTH:		
Salaries:		
R. C. Gay, Chairman	150.00	

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

Chief's Salary		
Joseph Kempkes	175.12	
Louis E. Fuller	299.85	
All other wages	234.90	
Henneman's Esso Servicenter	31.28	
Zabek Fire Apparatus Co.	386.33	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	470.58	
Repairs to Fire Station	52.00	
Repairs to Apparatus	165.84	
Worcester County Electric Co.	114.53	
Allen & Shumway	96.26	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	322.93	
Lewis Blackmer, Printing Permit cards	21.00	
Refilling Extinguisher	7.00	
All Other	4.95	
		2,382.57

FOREST FIRE ACCOUNT:

Payroll, Sundry Persons	365.84	
Equipment	115.80	
Permits:		
Joseph Kempkes	94.60	
Louis E. Fuller	100.00	
Repairs to Oil Burner	11.50	
Zabek Fire Apparatus Co.	173.77	
Philorene Radio Com.	6.00	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	200.57	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	32.21	
Repairs & Replacements	179.36	
Cartage	5.60	
		1,285.25

HYDRANT SERVICE:

Belchertown Water District		1,500.00

CLEANING & REPAIRING WATER HOLES:

Wages, Sundry Persons	146.95	
Hired Equipment	187.20	
		334.15

MOTH SUPPRESSION:

A. Brown, Supt. Wages	32.00	
All other wages	11.60	
Hired Equipment	45.00	

Dr. K. L. Collard, Clerk	100.00	
Michael S. Mathras	100.00	
		350.00
EXPENSE:		
Agent, Max Garber, Services	210.00	
Agent, Max Garber, Expenses	105.00	
Agent, John A. Brickett, Services	125.00	
Agent, John A. Brickett, Expenses	60.00	
Dr. K. L. Collard, Postage & Expense	15.97	
Doris S. Squires, Clerical	25.63	
Francis M. Austin, Veterinarian	300.00	
1 book license forms	15.30	
Hobbs & Warren, signs & forms	13.72	
Board & Care at County Sanatorium	1,002.00	
Dr. K. L. Collard, Polio Shots	50.00	
Clarence Hubbard, Inspector of slaughter	121.00	
Michael S. Mathras, postage	1.05	
Jackson's, 1 typewriter	88.90	
		2,150.83
CARE OF TOWN DUMP:		
Antoine Bronner, wages	260.00	
W. Tolpa	48.00	
Ralph Miller	12.00	
Andrew Sears, patrolling dump	12.50	
All other	8.76	
		341.26
SEWER MAINTENANCE:		
SALARIES:		
M. C. Baggs, Chairman	75.00	
Helen Papp, Clerk	50.00	
D. Donald Hazen	75.00	
		200.00
EXPENSES:		
Sewer Disposal, Belchertown State Sch.	2,223.45	
M. C. Baggs, wages	36.00	
D. Donald Hazen, wages	54.25	
Richard Hazen	33.75	
All other wages	110.25	
Toll Call, Donald Hazen	.51	
Hired Equipment	177.00	

Material	45.11	
Tools	65.06	
Surplus Goods	29.99	
All other	11.25	
		2,786.62
Construction of Filter Beds		6,000.00
CHADBOURNE SEWER EXTENSION:		
EXPENSES:		
Pioneer Foundry & Mfg. Co.	148.50	
Wages, Sundry Persons	692.50	
Material	1,160.75	
Hired Equipment	608.25	
Tighe & Bond Inc., (laying out sewer)	119.12	
Raymond A. Warner, Registrar	4.00	
		2,733.12
HIGHWAYS—Chapter 81		
Wages, Sundry Persons	16,449.12	
S. P. Puffer	971.25	
Warner Bros.	1,502.25	
Chemical Corp .	1,146.00	
H. C. Bundy	144.00	
D. D. Ruxton	413.61	
New England Culvert Co.	941.34	
Eastern Chemical	195.40	
Koppers Co.	2,220.28	
All other material	549.37	
Town Equipment	4,234.50	
Hired Equipment	5,939.31	
Insurance	813.98	35,520.41
HIGHWAYS—Chapter 90 Construction (1957)		
E. Shumway, Supt. wages	139.65	
All other wages	425.41	
Material	82.80	
Hired Equipment	2,126.76	2,774.62
HIGHWAYS—Chapter 90 Construction (1958)		
E. Shumway, Supt. wages	435.10	
All other wages	938.70	
Warner Brothers	548.85	
Charles Perry	10.00	
Palmer Paving Co.	5,681.92	

Koppers Co.	657.90	
All other materials	1,076.00	
Hired Equipment	5,667.88	15,016.35
HIGHWAYS—Chapter 90 Maintenance		
Bondsville Road		
Wages, Sundry Persons	1,195.00	
Material	1,408.65	
Town Equipment	420.25	
Hired Equipment	192.35	3,217.15
Amherst Road		
Wages, Sundry Persons	686.95	
New England Culvert Co.	236.94	
Material	1,250.54	
Town Equipment	242.75	
Hired Equipment	348.20	2,765.38
HIGHWAYS—Rockrimmon Rd. Const. Chapt. 718		
Koppers Co.		105.48
HIGHWAYS—Springfield Rd. Const. Chapt. 718		
Koppers Co.		156.75
HIGHWAYS—N. Washington St. Const., Chapt. 718		
Wages, Sundry Persons	287.70	
Material	1,445.10	
Town Equipment	400.60	
Hired Equipment	252.10	2,385.50
HIGHWAYS—Streets		
Wages, Sundry Persons	1,202.25	
Material	11.30	
Signs	112.09	
Hired Equipment	239.85	
All other	3.20	1,568.69
HIGHWAYS—Sabin Street		
Wages, Sundry Persons	79.15	
William W. Zurczyk	54.74	
Material	292.61	
Hired Equipment	73.20	499.70

HIGHWAYS—Shea Avenue		
Wages, Sundry Persons	281.40	
Town Equipment	61.50	
Hired Equipment	357.10	700.00
HIGHWAYS—Munsell & Gold Sts.		
Wages, Sundry Persons	77.20	
Material	100.80	
Hired Equipment	722.00	900.00
HIGHWAYS—George Hannum Street		
Wages, Sundry Persons	550.55	
Material	58.35	
Hired Equipment	291.20	900.10
HIGHWAYS—Cold Spring Road		
Wages, Sundry Persons	193.50	
Material	203.31	
All others	3.30	400.11
HIGHWAYS—South Washington Street		
Wages, Sundry Persons	221.20	
Material	633.31	
Hired Equipment	42.80	897.31
HIGHWAYS—South Street		
Wages, Sundry Persons	192.85	
Material	67.20	
Hired Equipment	638.80	898.85
HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES		
Wages, Sundry Persons	456.20	
Lumber	315.60	
New England Culvert Co.	1,520.63	
All other	553.05	2,845.48
HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS		
Wages, Sundry Persons	92.23	
Hired Equipment	2.40	
Materials	10.38	105.01

HIGHWAYS, N. WASHINGTON STREET SIDEWALK

Edward Schmidt	1,055.00	
Aubrey Lapolice	50.00	1,105.00

HIGHWAYS, SNOW REMOVAL

Wages, Sundry Persons	4,309.16	
Sand & Salt	1,043.75	
Equipment	2,908.23	8,261.14

HIGHWAYS, SNOW REMOVAL 1946

Commonwealth of Mass.		411.58
Purchase of New Dump Truck		3,999.00
Purchase of Used Truck		1,000.00
Purchase of Sander		2,898.97
Purchase of Snow Plows 1—10' for Ford 1—10' for Brockway 1—11' for Grader		2,876.94

Road Machinery Expense:

Wages, Sundry Persons	171.30	
Hired Equipment	10.80	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	531.09	
J. W. Russell Co.	173.75	
Mill Valley Splicing Co.	67.87	
Longview Filling Station	147.00	
New England Rototiller Sales	104.10	
Belchertown Water District	21.80	
Socony Mobil Oil Co.	1,170.56	
Henneman's Esso Servicenter	123.92	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	90.00	
Fuel Oil Tax	66.50	
Suppliers License	1.00	
Special Fuel Users License	1.00	
Perkins Machine Co.	950.13	
Walter Tolpa	12.80	
Chemical Corp	158.62	
Robert Drearden	147.91	
Rucki's	9.00	
Athol Springfield Express	4.70	
Worcester County Electric Co.	41.59	
Rowe's Garage	345.63	
Hallemite Mfg. Co.	28.25	

Springfield Trucking Co.	311.37	
Edward Skura	11.00	
Aubuchon Paint & Hardware	49.16	
Reece Auto Body	29.50	
Ryther & Warren Co.	13.72	
Surplus Goods	8.15	
Miscellaneous	126.35	4,977.06
STREET LIGHTING		
Worcester County Electric, Contract		3,529.79
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District		1,785.00
PUBLIC WELFARE:		
Salaries:		
Charles F. Austin, Chairman	175.00	
John W. Avery	125.00	
Michael	125.00	425.00
General Relief:		
Groceries & Provisions	71.69	
Fuel	44.20	
Board & Care	696.55	
Medicine & Medical attention	97.70	
Holyoke Hospital	442.00	
All other hospitalization	105.80	
Cash grants to individuals	7.00	1,474.94
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, Town Appropriation		
Aid to Sundry Persons	33,375.97	
Town of Arlington	139.08	
Town of Ware	229.72	
Town of Howard	138.26	
City of Springfield	73.32	33,956.35
Aid to Sundry Persons, 1959 Approp.		1,807.21
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, Town Appropriation		
Aid to Sundry Persons		377.35
Aid to Sundry Persons 1959 Approp.		65.55
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE, TOWN APPROPRIATION		
Aid to Sundry Persons		2,219.51
Aid to Sundry Persons 1959 Appropriation		29.95

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE, FEDERAL GRANTS		
Aid to Sundry Persons		22,473.10
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE, FEDERAL GRANTS		
Aid to Sundry Persons		1,271.12
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN, FEDERAL GRANTS:		
Aid to Sundry Persons	389.80	
VETERANS' AID		
Salary, Agent	300.00	
Office Expenses and Travel	25.00	
Ordinary Benefits	3,712.88	
Fuel	278.00	
Doctors	206.00	
Dental	43.00	
Medication	328.10	
Housekeeper for Vets' ill wife	280.00	
Mileage allowed to and from School	311.20	
Temporary Relief	65.00	
Rent and Transportation of Hosp. bed	15.00	5,564.18
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:		
GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee Expense	99.00	
Superintendent's Salary	6,749.99	
Superintendent's Travel	500.00	
Superintendent's Expense	584.56	
Rose M. Dewey, Secretary, Salary	2,901.84	10,835.39
INSTRUCTION:		
Teachers' Salaries	130,310.14	
Teachers' Expense	414.95	
Instructional Expense	7,540.44	
Salary for Clerical Hire	2,770.14	
		141,035.67
OPERATION OF SCHOOLS:		
Janitors' Salaries	12,121.92	
Janitors' Supplies	5,371.72	
Fuel	6,656.93	24,150.57
HEALTH:		
Nurse's Salary	3,226.01	
Substitutes Salary	665.00	

Dr. James L. Collard, Salary	350.00	
Nurse's Travel	400.00	
Health Expense	109.99	4,751.00
HOUSEHOLD ARTS:		
Instructor's Salary	4,105.04	
Substitute's Salary	104.50	
EXPENSES:		
Janitor's Salary	416.00	
Forbes & Wallace	262.78	
All other	693.55	5,581.87
Transportation		32,712.49
New Equipment		1,954.16
Library		521.93
Repairs & Replacements		3,934.70
Miscellaneous		952.08
		226,429.86
SCHOOL LUNCH:		
Salaries & Wages	12,712.11	
Transportation of Food	584.50	
Food Bills	23,667.71	
All other	1,400.76	38,365.08
High School Athletics:		
Referees, Transportation etc.		712.31
New Elementary School Building Fund		
Sand & Gravel for filling		604.98
New Elementary School Building Equipment Fund		443.96
Elementary School Building Fund		35.53
Vocational Education:		
Transportation of Pupils	2,434.36	
Tuition, Pupils	3,560.64	
Adult Tuition	5.00	6,000.00
Regional School Planning Board		
Expense:		
Brochures	216.00	
Distribution of Brochures	35.00	
Jean Gallup, Typing	5.00	256.00

Clapp Memorial Library:		
Expenses:		
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	123.26	
Worcester County Electric Co.	45.15	
Books and periodicals	519.94	
To Trustees of Clapp Memorial Library	896.16	1,594.50
Clapp Memorial Library, Heating Plant		1,679.00
Parsons Field:		
David Hodgen, Mowing	218.48	
Worcester County Electric	9.50	227.98
Summer Recreation:		
Mr. William Maxwell, Instructor	150.00	
Wages Building Raft at Lake Arcadia	59.15	
Ryther & Warren Co.	2.47	
Aubuchon Paint & Hardware Co.	7.12	
First Aid Kit	15.00	
Equipment for Franklin St. School	116.26	350.00
Unclassified:		
Expenses:		
Preparing Town Report	90.00	
Forbes Snyder, Duplicating paper	11.22	
Finance Committee Association Dues	15.00	
Lewis H. Blackmer, Printing	29.75	
Lewis H. Blackmer, Printing Town Reports	756.00	
Mr. Renouf, Meeting of Moderators	15.52	
Atendance at Finance Association Meeting	12.00	
All Other	3.78	933.27
John L. Casey, Surveyor		628.38
WATERPROOFING HIGH SCHOOL		
A. C. Horn	986.00	
Aubrey Lapolice, Supervising	14.00	1,000.00
PURCHASE OF NEW ADDING MACHINE:		
National Cash Register Co.		361.80
PURCHASE OF DUPLICATING MACHINE:		
Forbes Snyder, Inc.		215.00

2 OFFICES IN BASEMENT OF MEMORIAL HALL:		
Albert Dewhurst	144.70	
Ernest Lowe, labor	104.25	
Hyman Meaux, labor	77.25	
Walter J. Henry, Jr. Electrical work	118.30	
T. V. Pratt & Son	38.87	
Ryther & Warren Co.	134.24	
Aubuchon Paint & Hardware Co.	48.04	665.65
EQUIPMENT FOR 2 OFFICES IN BASEMENT:		
Girard Typewriter Co.	182.10	
Holyoke Auction Co.	587.60	
Forbes Snyder, Inc.	1,105.62	
Brightwood Hardware Co.,	4.55	1,879.87
HAMPSHIRE COUNTY RETIREMENT		2,006.05
Care of Town Clock:		
Frank Scialla		100.00
INSURANCE:		
Anna R. Gold Agency	287.64	
Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency	8,861.23	9,148.87
MEMORIAL DAY		
Jackson's flags	32.50	
Kelly the Florist	15.00	
Belchertown School Band	100.00	
Lewis H. Blackmer, programs	4.50	152.00
VETERANS' DAY		
Kelly the Florist		57.00
SOLDIERS' GRAVES:		
Labor caring for graves		200.00
PHOTOSTATIC COPIES OF DISCHARGES:		
F. Howard Quirk, Inc.		3.42
CARE OF COMMON:		
Worcester County Electric Co.	37.94	
David Hodgen, Mowing	105.00	142.94
UNPAID BILLS OF 1957		3,186.07
WAR MEMORIAL:		
Deposit in Bank		300.00

REVALUATION OF TOWN PROPERTY:

William F. Kimball, Jr.	350.00	
William E. Aldrich	450.00	
George E. Booth	200.00	
Elliott S. Cordner	204.95	
Mary G. Hanifin, Postmaster	35.00	
Florence Crowe, Clerical	31.00	
Forbes Snyder, supplies	25.00	
National Associates	1,033.75	
All other	58.70	2,388.40

CEMETERIES:

Charles F. Austin, wages	566.25	
Charles F. Austin, use of mower	234.50	
Lincoln A. Cook, Wages	653.50	
Lincoln A. Cook, use of mower	220.00	
Michael A. Shea, wages	107.50	
Charles H. Hazeldine, wages	13.13	
Robert Wilson	92.19	
Charles Howard	39.35	
Don's Auto Service, Power mower	68.25	
Ryther & Warren Co., Grass Seed etc.	28.15	
Plowing Snow	5.00	
Repairing Power Mower	4.50	2,039.82

INTEREST:

Sewer Loan of 1949	362.50	
School Loan of 1951	3,097.50	
Temporary Loans	564.29	
School Bonds of 1952	3,097.50	
Sewer Loan of 1949	362.50	
Fire Equipment Loan 1953	55.00	
Sewer Loan of 1952	75.00	7,614.29

MATURING DEBT:

Sewer Loan of 1949	2,000.00	
School Loan	11,000.00	
School Bonds 1952	9,000.00	
Fire Equipment Loan of 1953	2,000.00	
Sewer Loan of 1952	1,000.00	25,000.00

Temporary Loans repaid		100,000.00

Federal Withholding Taxes	28,754.13
RETIREMENT FUND	2,162.86
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Employees Acct.	2,500.00
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Town Account	2,470.93
GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, Employees Acct.	894.90
GROUP LIFE INSURANCE, Town Acct.	894.90
STATE PARKS & RESERVATIONS	1,829.48
COUNTY TAX	15,821.34
WHITING STREET FUND	773.35
Walter Pratt Private Trust Fund, Deposited in Bank	55.61
REFUNDS:	
Personal Property, Levy of 1957	36.75
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Levy of 1957	308.41
Poll, Personal & Real Estate Levy of 1958	2,324.53
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise Levy of 1958	1,119.93
WATER LIENS:	
Belchertown Water District	146.58
SPORTING LICENSES, paid Commonwealth of Mass.	1,942.00
WASHINGTON NATIONAL INSURANCE:	
Teachers Health Insurance	1,536.85
DOG LICENSES:	
Paid County of Hampshire	1,298.50
DOG OFFICER:	
Fees paid Dog Officer	468.00
GEORGE LONGLEY SCHOOL MUSIC FUND:	
Band instruments etc.	600.00
SMITH HUGHES-GEORGE BARDEN FUNDS:	
Practical Arts Instructors, Salary	162.00
	$719,294.34
Cash on hand December 31st, 1958	142.473.80
	$861,768.14

Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

	Term Expires
FITZHUGH L. TURNER, Chairman	1960
WALTER P. PIPER	1959
HAROLD W. WILLEY	1961

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

CARL J. PETERSON South Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 4791
Telephone Office: 3111

Secretary and Clerk

MAY ROSE DEWEY Superintendent's Office
Telephone Residence: 3591
CAROL E. HUBBARD Principal Donald E. Geer's Office
Telephone Residence: 6631
MARY M. AVERY Principal Guy E. Harrington's Office
Telephone Residence: 5894

Meetings of School Committee

At 7:30 P. M. on the Second Wednesday of the Month

School Nurse

MRS. TIRZAH JUSKALIAN, R. N., Green Avenue, Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 2832
Telephone Office: 4371

School Physician

JAMES L. COLLARD, M. D. Maple St., Belchertown
Telephone Office: 2411

Attendance Officer

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR. Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 4351

No School Signal

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Report of School Committee

To the Citizens of Belchertown:

The Committee met twenty-two times during the year in regular or special sessions. All important items of business were transacted only when a full Committee was present and fortunately, through the individual efforts of each member, there were very few meetings when all three members were not in attendance.

The Committee voted to return to the Town the amount appropriated for their salaries for 1958 and to forego the request for salaries in 1959. School committee members, except those serving in Superintendency Unions, are legally not entitled to compensation. Because Belchertown for many years was part of a Superintendency Union and because, through events over which the Town had no control, the Union was dissolved, the Town continues to operate under Union status. This is principally reflected in the reimbursement for a portion of the Superintendent's salary. The Committee Members in making the salary decision were guided by their belief that the motive for service on a School Committee is not for any recompense other than the satisfaction of rendering a worthy service to the Community and Nation as trustees of the local schools and all that education should mean.

Soon after the reopening of schools following the summer vacation action was taken to alleviate the overcrowded conditions in the first and second grade rooms at Franklin School. A letter was sent to all the parents of all grade six pupils stressing the improvement that could be made in the primary room by transferring grade six to Cold Spring School and redistributing the remaining grades. Parents, teachers and bus owners were most cooperative in making possible an immediate transfer. The move does not offer a permanent solution since the other grades at Cold Spring are already at capacity and if they remain so will be too large at the sixth grade level to include Franklin School pupils.

Another overcrowded condition that is of serious concern is the number of pupils in the primary grades at Cold Spring School. With authorities in primary education recommending twenty-five pupils per teacher the present enrollment which has gone as high as thirty-seven in one first grade room creates a most difficult effective teaching and learning situation.

Realizing the need for additional office space for other Town Boards permission was granted in January for the partitioning of a portion of the high school cafeteria into two offices for the Board of Assessors and the Planning and Health Boards respectively. The solution of the problem of adequate office space for Town Officers through the further limitation of facilities currently overtaxed should be considered as a very temporary measure. All Town Departments and Boards should have easily accessible, functional and presentable office space. This problem faces also the Committee in respect to suitable administrative and special service areas. Through the cooperation of the Clapp Memorial Library Trustees a small room has been made available to augment the present Committee and Superintendent's office. At Franklin School there is no space available for principal's office, teachers' room or health room. Center School contains a combination health, teachers' and principal's room of 64 square feet. In the High School building the teachers' room must also serve as a health room and the principal's office is too small to allow space for more than a student classroom size desk for the secretary. If all of the town office space now in use in Memorial Hall including the Superintendent's office was turned over to the High School the total office and special service areas would be far below the most conservative standards found in current secondary school construction.

In November the Committee formally accepted Cold Spring Elementary School. The Elementary School Building Committee stated that no further expenditures would be made from funds set aside for the construction or furnishing of this building and all vouchers and documents would be certified by the Building Committee to the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission. The Committee is appreciative of this modern well equipped building.

The National Defense Education Act of 1958 proposes financial assistance for strengthening science, mathematics, and modern foreign language instruction in the elementary and secondary schools and for the identification and encouragement of able students through guidance, counseling and testing. This is the part of the Act it appears that will be of most immediate benefit to the local high schools. Your Committee is hopeful that the money authorized by Congress will be fully appropriated so that a substantial improvement can be made in facilities, equipment, and instructional materials in the designated subject matter areas. Another feature of the Education Act the Committee considers worth mentioning at this time is the student loan program that should make it possible for more deserving students to attend college. Parents who are discouraging their children from college preparatory work in high school because of college tuition and other expenses should consider the financial opportunities that will be open through this Act and also through other scholarship programs.

The largest segment of the school budget is instruction and the major subdivision of this account is teacher salaries. One of the most difficult problems the Committee has had to cope with in recent years is the adjustment of existing salaries to new minimums established by the General Court. The Committee is aware of its responsibilities in setting salaries and would appreciate the confidence and support of the townspeople in salary decisions that are reached only after many hours of careful thought and study.

By unanimous vote, the Belchertown School Committee respectfully asks the Town to appropriate the sum of $247,642 for the running of the schools during 1959.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1959

	1958	1959
GENERAL CONTROL	$ 11,255.00	$ 11,667.00
INSTRUCTION	141,673.20	155,275.00
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT	24,158.00	25,365.00
REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS	3,960.00	7,150.00
TRANSPORTATION	33,300.00	33,300.00
HEALTH	4,500.00	4,895.00
MISCELLANEOUS	755.00	1,190.00
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	5,602.00	5,975.00
CAPITAL OUTLAY	2,000.00	2,175.00
LIBRARY	550.00	650.00
	$227,753.20	$247,642.00

Section 10 of School Aid, Chapter 643, Acts of 1948, requires School Committees when submitting their school budgets, to include an estimate of the following receipts:

Group A.

1. School Aid, Chapter 643	$40,132.63	
2. Transportation	28,592.92	
3. Superintendent's Reimbursement	3,333.33	
4. Vocational Household Arts	2,830.28	
		$ 74,889.16

Group B.	
1. Tuition & Transportation (State Wards)	5,257.96
	$ 80,147.12
Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation	$167,493.88

Very truly yours,

FITZHUGH L. TURNER, Chm.
WALTER P. PIPER
HAROLD W. WILLEY
Belchertown School Committee

Report of Superintendent of Schools

Members of the School Committee and Citizens of Belchertown:

I herewith present my seventh annual report on the Belchertown Public Schools. "Better Schools Build Better Communities." This slogan that is being given wide publicity is not a catch phrase to enlist popular support for a program of education organized by professional educators. It is a challenge originated by civic, business and professional leaders who know that the educational climate of a community is a major factor in determining the future of a city or town.

What is the climate for education in Belchertown? This is a thought-provoking question that every Citizen should ask himself.

This report and and those following by the Principals, Supervisors and the School Nurse are for the purpose of recording achievement and indicating the direction that is being taken for progress and improvement in our schools.

Each year I have pointed out some statistics taken from the Annual Report of the Massachusetts Department of Education or other reliable source that compares local expenditures with other communities. The data released in December by the State Department of Education shows that for the year ending in December 1957 the expenditure from local taxation per pupil in net average membership was $165.40 compared with an average in the state of $246.40 and an average in Group III-Towns (under 5,000 population with high schools) of $227.60. Each Fall the high school tuition rate for State Wards must be established according to a formula based on expenditures for the previous school year excluding general control, transportation and capital outlay. The rate now established for the 1958-59 school year is $305.71. This is below the rate of 1957-1958 by approximately thirteen dollars. This economy is not the result of efficiency but is rather a reflection of absence of educational services and subject areas in the school curriculum.

TEACHER RECRUITMENT

The recruitment of teachers is one of the most important functions of the Superintendent. Because of the shortage of available candidates for September 1957 it was necessary to recommend five teachers who did not meet the requirements for certification in Massachusetts. In September of 1958 second year waivers of certification were requested for three of these teachers who returned and in addition five first year exemptions were again requested for new teachers. These non certified teachers have been most conscientious in working to complete the necessary requirements and some have, or are in the final process of being certified.

This information is in no way a reflection on the capabilities of the individuals concerned. However, as long as the local salary schedule is not highly competitive with other communities in the area parents and students must recognize that Belchertown is providing teacher training and is also a proving center for persons who are interested in teaching.

During the past few years I have recommended seven non degree teachers for appointment. To the critics of this practice I wish to point out that this does not represent a sharp increase in the percent of non degree teachers since some replacements did not involve teachers with degrees. I believe the community has been most fortunate that these seven experienced teachers were available, otherwise, it would have been necessary to increase further the percentage of inexperienced and uncertified personnel.

There are certain unique situations which make it attractive and profitable for some teachers to work in Belchertown. The proximity of the Town to the University of Massachusetts has at present and in the past made it possible to secure the services of wives of graduate students. The nearness of heavy populated cities has also made it possible to get teachers who lack the necessary experience or opportunity to begin in their respective communities. The above factors and the willingness of substitute teachers to accept full time positions have made it possible to be fully staffed. However, if recruitment is to be based, as it properly should be, on scholastic achievements, training, certification and experience the salary schedule must be camparable to the better ones in the immediate area.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

One phase of the school program that has expanded rapidly in recent years is the area of Vocational Education. At the present there are nineteen students enrolled in area trade high schools.

They are distributed as follows: Springfield Trade High, nine; Holyoke Trade High, two; Smith School in Northampton, one; and, New Salem Salem Academy, seven.

The tuition rate varies from $240 at New Salem Academy ($300 for Automotive) to $500 at Springfield. Belchertown is responsible for tuition and the cost of pupil transportation but fifty per cent is reimbursed by the Commonwealth. A student may attend the school of his own selection unless a nearer school is offering the same program of comparable caliber. Some of the present students and others who would like to attend trade high schools find the lack of transportation a handicap. Due to the diverse interests of the pupils which is reflected by the school they select, there is not a sufficient number at any one school to warrant a bus. Arrangements must be made by the individual student with other students who have cars available or with parents or cooperative towns' people employed in the respective cities. The school office cooperates by attempting to act as a clearing house for available transportation, and persons interested in providing this are requested to contact the Superintendent's office.

In addition to the Day Program a number of men and women take advantage of the Evening Practical Arts and trade classes offered locally and in nearby communities. In the Spring sixteen signed up for a local course in cake decorating and party refreshments which was conducted in the Household Arts Room under the supervision of Mrs. Glen T. Hughes of Amherst; and, in the Fall, fourteen registered for a similar type of course in Beginning Sewing, conducted under the direction of Mrs. Richard Pratt of Belchertown. Both of these courses were enthusiastically received and there have been requests for a continuation of this program with the addition of other courses. The entire amount of the salary for the Evening Practical Arts Instructors was paid from State and Federal Funds. Twenty-three adults have also participated in this type of evening program in other communities. The Town is not liable for transportation for those who attend the evening program.

SCHOOL LUNCH

One operation within the school system that is seriously feeling the effects of the ever increasing cost of living is the School Lunch Program. Since this program originated in September of 1954 it has been self-supporting in all areas except the provision for physical space, electric power and some clerical expense. In June the program showed a deficit for the first time at the end of the yearly operation. The State Office of School Lunch Program was notified of this situation and to assist the local authorities a complete audit was made of the Accounts with an analysis to determine if any one area of operation was out of line with good practice. After a thorough study of the matter it was the opinion of all concerned that in view of the addition funds to be spent by the Federal Government for surplus foods perhaps the local program could financially balance itself during the 1958-1959 school year. To date, however, the surplus foods have not been of such a type and quantity that this has been possible. At the present time the entire program is again being thoroughly examined and a report prepared to present a more complete analysis of the problem with possible solutions.

As a point of interest the following information taken from the auditor's report for the school year September, 1957 to June, 1958 indicates the scope of the local program. The average daily attendance in all schools for this period was 758 students of which 71% participated making a total of 95,245 student meals served. The expenditures for food amounted to 69% of the budget. The total reimbursement from the Commonwealth for lunches and milk was $10,912.67.

The staff under the capable direction of Mrs. James Mullane are working energetically and efficiently to continue the success of the program.

GUIDANCE

In the reports that follow, the Principals and Supervisors give their recommendations for strengthening their respective programs. These are all worthy of serious consideration and implementation. The one urgent recommendation that I would like to highlight is the request of the High Principal that a full time guidance counselor be added to the staff in September 1959.

The need for this service was pointed out by Superintendent M. Leroy Greenfield in his 1945 Annual Report and Superintendent Edwin A. Cox and I have re-affirmed this need in subsequent reports.

The importance of this service is indicated in the National Defense Education Act of 1958, which has devoted to it one entire Title area and authorized the granting of fifteen million dollars to the States for 1959 and the same amount for each of the next three fiscal years.

Dr. James B. Conant former President of Harvard University and currently in charge of a nationwide study of high schools has repeatedly pointed out the need for a full time guidance counselor for each two hundred fifty to three hundred pupils. Mr. Warren E. Benson, Senior Supervisor of Guidance for the State Department of Education when appraised of the local enrollment at the high and junior high levels stated that he felt the activities of a guidance director should be limited principally to the high school.

It is not possible to give within the limitations of this report a complete outline of the purposes of a guidance program and outline the functions of the director. The following quotation from the Report of the Congressional House Committee on Education does crystallize some of the important functions: "We have in this Nation a serious loss of talent, because many students who could benefit by further education drop out of school short of reaching their optimum level of achievement. Even more disturbing is the waste which occurs among the more able students. Approximately one half of all high ability students fail to complete a level of educational attainment commensurate with their abilities. It is also known that adequate testing, counseling and guidance can make significant contributions to the identification and educational development of all high school students, particularly those in the more able category."

HIGH SCHOOL

Guy E. Harrington, Principal

The enrollment in September, 1958 was:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Seniors	19	19	38
Juniors	18	30	48
Sophomores	33	33	66
Freshmen	33	40	73
Post Graduates	1	0	1
	104	122	226

There were seventeen girls and seven boys in the 1958 graduation class. Of this group, Mary Jane Papp and Louis Schmidt are students at the University of Massachusetts; John Shiposki is enrolled at Springfield College; Carolyn Evanson and Mary Ann Flaherty are attending Westfield State Teachers College, and Margaret Wegiel is attending Bridgewater State Teachers College; Arthur Frost enrolled last fall at Holyoke Junior College; Jean Fuller is preparing for a career in Nursing at the Newton-Wellesley Hospital and Judith Walker is training for a similar career at the Hartford (Conn.) Hospital; Barbara Lincourt entered an attendant nursing course at Westfield last fall; Joyce Chevalier is enrolled at the Dor' Ada Beauty Salon in Springfield. Herbert Barrett, Peter Dearness, and Larry Foote have joined the U. S. Navy. Graduates who are presently employed include: Earlene Martin, secretary for the Ralph W. Trombly Agency; Eleanor McGinnis, employment at the Crystal Spring Dairy Bar; Joan Goodrow, working for the U. S. Rubber Company; Judith Purrington, a position at the Holyoke National Bank; Patricia Lysik, employed at the Three Rivers Industries, Inc.; and George Zitka, employed at the Crystal Spring Dairy Bar. Four members of the graduating class are married. They are: Maxine Carmody Mann, Patricia Dupont McClellan, Betty Black Hastings, and Patricia Spooner Bigelow.

There are three new faculty members this year. Mrs. Rosemary FitzGerald teaches courses in mathematics. She is a graduate of the University of Maine. Mr. Lawrence Shea, a Colby College graduate, teaches classes in English of the same grade level taught by Mrs. Marie Bull who resigned last summer. Miss Madeline Fitzgerald heads the commercial department, which includes classes in typewriting, bookkeeping and shorthand. Mrs. Lucille Canavan, who taught these courses last year, is living at home in Ware.

Clerical assistance for the high school office has been provided this year with the employment of Mrs. Mary Avery for part-time secretarial work. Some of the types of duties assigned to her include: reports, telephone, typing and stenographic work, records and filing, general office and clerical work, banking, lunch program, reception of callers, summaries and tabulations.

Our testing program has included aptitude tests for Seniors administered by officials of the Ware Office of the Employment Security. The Iowa Tests of Educational Development were taken again last September by the entire student body. An explanation of these tests was included in my 1957 report. In addition, the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test was administered to college preparatory Juniors last April. The NMSQT is a test of educational development. It measures the student's mastery in English usage, mathematics usage, social studies reading, natural sciences reading, and word usage. The results enable students to learn more about their educational strengths and weaknesses.

For several years pupils in the Latin classes have participated in a nationwide examination conducted by the Association for the Promotion of Study of Latin. Last June, at the Commencement Exercises, certificates in Latin were awarded to the following people: Dona Copithorne, of superlative merit; John Burke, of eminent merit; Carol Field and Lura Smith, of superior merit; and Penelope Baker, Joyce Juskalian, Sheila Mullane, and Barbara Stefanowich, of honorable merit. Approximately 27,000 Latin students took the examination last spring. We feel proud that of this number, Belchertown High School had eight certificate winners.

Under the direction of Robert Camp, Jr., physics and chemistry teacher, and Mrs. Marie Pepin, biology teacher, a Science Fair was held in Lawrence Memorial Hall for the first time last April. The exhibits entered were displayed to promote scientific interest. Some of the exhibits entered were: a Tesla Coil, Terrestrial Magnetism, a radio transmitter, and a human brain.

Our athletic program during the past season has been successful. This was our first year as a member in the Franklin League, where our teams were co-champions in both basketball and baseball. The girl cheerleaders participated in a tournament at Deerfield and again brought back to Belchertown the winning trophy for their class. Some of the girls played softball last spring and took part in an athletic program last fall.

A newly formed Booster Club did much to promote interest in sports in the school and town. This club sponsored a banquet and an outing for the players last spring. The club also awarded a trophy to the school's outstanding athlete.

RECOMMENDATIONS

I would like to make the following recommendations at this time:

1. That a complete renovation of the Science Laboratory be made. New equipment is needed to keep abreast of the rapid progress in science.

2. That more lockers be installed until enough are furnished to accommodate all pupils' personal belongings, coats, rubbers, etc.

3. That more space be added for adequate administrative offices.

4. That adequate provisions be made for a guidance program.

5. That more space be made for commercial facilities.

6. That some provisions be made for a suitable health room.

I wish to express my appreciation to the townspeople for their continued efforts in behalf of Belchertown High School, and I extend my thanks to the School Department for their support.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Eleanor Fitzgerald, Principal

At the present time Franklin School has an enrollment of eighty pupils in grades one through five.

The overcrowded conditions that existed in September have been alleviated by transferring the sixth grade pupils to Cold Spring School. This has provided more time to care for individual needs.

During the summer the school was thoroughly cleaned, interior furnishings washed, and minor repairs made.

Work was started on repairing the sewerage system, but additional work will be necessary before the project is completed.

A new arithmetic system was introduced in the third and fourth grades. It has proven satisfactory, and we hope that the remaining grades will have the opportunity to use this system.

Last spring the Standard Achievement Tests were continued in grades one and two. The Iowa tests were administered to pupils of grades three through six. The results are being used for enriching the child's work in those areas in which he scored high and in giving remedial help in the areas where it is needed. Tests are a means of discovering the many individual differences among the children within one classroom. It is by testing that we can best adjust our curriculum to fit the abilities and capacities of each child so that he will be able to use his potentialities and develop academically.

Open house was held during American Education Week. This was an opportune time for parents to discuss their children's work with the teachers and arrange a conference for a later date. It is gratifying when many parents visit the schools, since one of the most vital responsibilities of parents is that of encouraging and assisting their children to become better educated citizens.

A committee is working on the purchasing of playground equipment. Through the cooperation of the P. T. A. and volunteer workers it is hoped that the children will be able to use this apparatus by the spring term.

Our custodian, Albert Dudek, has done his part in keeping the building clean and warm. He has combined his efforts with ours to make the building a cheerful place in which children can work and play.

In conclusion I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Mr. Peterson and to all those who have contributed their efforts in strengthening our educational program.

COLD SPRING SCHOOL

Donald E. Geer, Principal

Herein submitted is my fifth annual report as a Principal in the Belchertown School System and second as Principal of both the Center and Cold Spring Schools.

The enrollment at the Cold Spring School on opening day in September was 385, an increase of five over the previous year. During the month thirteen sixth grade pupils were transferred from the Franklin School to help relieve the pressure in that building. These pupils together with others who had entered swelled the enrollment to 403 by the end of the month, a peak figure for the building.

The Center School opened with an enrollment of 151 which was the same as the previous year. There has been no appreciable change since that time.

The enrollment by grades on opening day is shown in the following table:

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
1	39	31	70
2	35	34	69
3	35	23	58
4	34	32	66
5	39	25	64
6	34	24	58
7	41	32	73
8	45	33	78

Personnel changes during the past year included the resignation of Miss Jean Richard and Mr. Robert Cummings at the Center School, and the retirement of Mrs. Blanche Austin and the resignation of Mrs. Mary Foote at the Cold Spring School. Mrs. Elizabeth Fox and Mr. Edward Daunheimer were appointed to the Center School vacancies, and Mrs. Anita Wadhams and Mrs. Olive Hodgen to the Cold Spring vacancies.

Four student teachers from the University of Massachusetts were welcomed to the Cold Spring School in November for an eight week period. Included in this group are Mrs. Marilyn Marr who is working with Mrs. Austin in room 6A; Miss Virginia Gray with Miss Flaherty in room 3B; Miss Nancy Houston with Mrs. Dutcher in room 2B; and Miss Patricia Connolly with Mrs. Gervais in room 1B.

The standardized testing program was continued with the administration of the Iowa Tests of Basic Skills to all pupils in grades 3-8. The purpose of these tests is to reveal how well each pupil has mastered the basic skills in reading, correct writing, study and arithmetic.

All pupils in grade 2, new students, and certain individuals for whom a more recent score was desired were administered the Otis Quick-Scoring Mental Ability Test. The purpose of this test is to measure mental ability-thinking power or the degree of maturity of the mind.

In cooperation with the Educational Test Bureau, 80 members of grades seven and eight assisted in the standardization of the Jastak Test of Potential Ability and Behavior Stability by being administered copies of the test advanced by the Bureau for this purpose.

The Center School athletic program was expanded this year to include baseball in addition to the regular basketball and touch football schedules. The teams successfully engaged in games with schools from the surrounding area.

The eighth grade was again privileged to take the American Legion sponsored historical trip to Boston. This very worthwhile trip has been an annual event for eighth grade students and is always looked forward to with anticipation.

In June appropriate year ending exercises were held in honor of the 72 pupils who advanced from the junior high to the senior high level. This year the program was held in the high school auditorium in order to accommodate the many students and visitors who annually attend.

At the Cold Spring School exercises were conducted for the 66 pupils who were advancing from grade six of that school to the Center School, grade seven. During these exercises a flag and standard were presented by the pupils for display in the all-purpose room.

In order to make the transition from the straight grade program of the elementary school to the departmentalized type of program in the junior high easier for the pupils, an orientation program was conducted. All sixth grade pupils were taken to the junior high building and introduced to that program. Pamphlets explaining the procedures to be followed were distributed and the pupils taken through the periods in a routine day. At the same time the eighth grade students went to the high school building for a similar program.

During the summer months the Center School received some much needed repair in the form of new plaster and paint in two of the classrooms where it was most necessary. This work is only the beginning of what it is hoped will be a complete renovation of this building. Although the school seems to be able to house the pupils who attend, it leaves a great deal to be desired in so far as the general appearance and the presence of facilities necessary for the efficient and effective operation of the present day educational program are concerned. Included in this later category are such things as lighting, plumbing, cafeteria arrangement, auditorium, library, and science instruction.

In the way of text book changes, the World Book arithmetic series adopted last year was extended through grade 3. The new second readers in the Scott, Foresman Series were provided for grades two and three, and the dictionary replacement program carried through grades five and six.

At the Center School a new set of the World Book Encyclopedia was added to the reference library, as well as the Creative Science reference series published in cooperation with the American Museum of Natural History. A series of recreational readers was also added to the library shelf for free time independent reading.

The science committee appointed last spring to select a science text for the elementary grades decided on the *Science For Today and Tomorrow* series, published by Ginn and Company for grades seven and eight. The *Heath Elementary Science* series published by the D. C. Heath Company was selected for grades one through six.

Recently a committee was selected to investigate the social studies program in grades one through eight and to make a study of newer texts in that area.

As we look ahead during this period when education in general is being closely scrutinized, much in the way of program and curriculum improvement at the elementary and junior high levels is being considered.

The World Book arithmetic series, one of the most widely accepted in the field, is being extended through all grades. The adoption of a science series for both levels will make it possible to extend formal science instruction through all grades using the most modern texts available. A science workshop for teachers is being planned for next year when these texts are introduced. In addition it is hoped that facilities can be added to the Center School to help the science instructors develop their programs more effectively.

During the year ahead the committee of teachers appointed to study the social studies area will be making recommendations relative to the presentation of history and geography as well as selecting modern texts for these subjects. The constant and rapid progress being made during the "space age" makes revision of these subject areas necessary.

Other areas which are important to the development of the child, but which are not receiving the proper consideration are physical education, art, manual training, and pupil guidance. Present facilities, together with the availability of proper instruction in these specialized areas are not adequate to meet their needs. It is hoped that these areas can be developed in the near future.

In conclusion, may I thank all those who have worked with me during the past year and may I challenge them to the more difficult task ahead which our rapidly changing world is thrusting upon us day by day.

HOUSEHOLD ARTS

Mrs. Florence Jackson, Instructor

There are 92 girls enrolled in Household Arts, divided into classes as follows:

Seventh Grade	32
Eighth Grade	34
Ninth Grade	15
Tenth Grade	11

The Junior High girls learn the fundamentals of hand and machine sewing, and the use of patterns to make simple cotton garments. Part of the time in Grade Eight is devoted to foods.

Seventh and Eighth Graders have Household Arts once a week only. There are five divisions in the two grades, so each has one day. Their periods are ninety minutes in length normally, but on two of the five days these are shortened because of scheduling conflicts. Classes are alternated to give each girl approximately the same amount of time.

Enthusiasm runs high among most of these youngsters, and many girls come voluntarily to work on projects after school, when "open house" is held four afternoons a week. I am always glad to welcome these children.

The High School courses are centered around Home Making and Family Living. The clothing projects become more difficult as the girls progress in their work, and include Tailoring in Grade Ten. After an intensive study of food values, the girls plan and prepare nutritionally adequate meals at a low cost.

In Grade Ten the Home Nursing Course is taught with the

School Nurse, Mrs. Juskalian, acting as a co-instructor. The Red Cross presents a certificate to each of the girls who has completed this course satisfactorily.

The clothing projects for the High School girls call for more home cooperation than do most courses in school. Failure to provide materials for the projects may cause a girl to waste considerable time and even to lose interest in the work. Some parents do not understand the reason for the rule that the clothing project must be done in school, and that the garment must be left in the school until it is finished. Experience has shown that there is a great temptation for a child to accept the help of adults at home to an extent that the project can no longer be considered the work of the student.

Special activities of the girls during the year include the Annual Fashion Show, where over a hundred girls model garments which they have made in class, the planning and arranging of an exhibit for Belchertown Fair Day, and a visit to the Springfield Trade High School, where several girls are planning to take advantage of some of the excellent post-graduate courses.

It is time that I acknowledged the help and inspiration given to this department by the Division of Vocational Education of the State Department through its Senior Supervisor, Miss Anna Kloss, and its Field Supervisor, Miss Caroline Wilson.

These ladies separately visit our school at least once each year, meet many of the girls, and encourage them in their work. They suggest improvements and praise whatever good things they see. The visits are occasions to be anticipated with pleasure instead of with the feeling of dread that teachers seem traditionally to have for supervisors! The conferences arranged by the Department are always good, and I have come to enjoy my summer weeks at Fitchburg more and more each year.

May I again thank the school officials, the parents, and all others who have cooperated in any way to make the year a beneficial one for our girls.

MUSIC

Mrs. Clara Cook, Supervisor

Once again I am pleased to report on the operation of the music program for the past year.

The joyful experience of correct use of the voice in the class, group, or individual singing of beautiful songs is one of the most satisfying mediums of self-expression.

As stated in a previous report, each year this report will contain a detailed summarization of the accomplishment at a particular grade level. This year the program in Grade Three:

The rote-note songs are a means of developing skill in dealing with new tonal and rhythmic patterns. Such songs are taught as rote songs, that is, by imitation with the teacher setting the pattern for the children. The new pattern is isolated and discussed.

Children who have been given the foundation in music notation laid down in Grade Two will find the mastery of new song material, which they can read unaided by the teacher, a pleasant and rewarding experience. Procedure for teaching a note song:

1. See that all the children have found the correct page.
2. Chant the rhythm if the song contains a new or difficult rhythm pattern.
3. Call attention to any instructional material at the bottom of the page.
4. Sound the key note on a pitch pipe.
5. The children sing from the key note to the note on which the song begins.
6. Give the signal "sing" and the children begin.
7. Let the children keep the melody flowing at a steady rhythm, regardless of errors. If an error is made, try again. If the singers repeat the error, isolate the difficult spot, work on it, and then try the song again.
8. Have the children sing the song with words as soon as the melody is correctly sung by syllables.

The melody bells are used freely in developing a reading song.

In Grade Three the child was given incomplete songs, with two or three phrases printed, which he was to finish by inventing his own phrases. Through such activity children learn to create a melodic phrase, and they also become conscious of awareness of form in music. So in music he learns that he can make musical ideas meaningful. He learns also that he can create many melodies for the words given, thus expressing himself in various melodic patterns.

The children are taught to recognize by sight and sound commonly used instruments; practice the making of music symbols; develop recognition of measures and pulse; and finding "do" from key signatures, and third time motion.

Singing, dancing, playing or engaging in music games should be one of the most agreeable experiences of the school day.

Through such activities the child becomes a social being, one who joins his fellows in group expression.

We have four Glee Clubs in Belchertown:

1. Glee Club for grades Five and Six.
2. Junior High Glee Club, Grades Seven and Eight.
3. Junior Glee Club at Senior High, Grades Nine and Ten.
4. Senior Glee Club at Senior High, Grades Eleven and Twelve.

Because of the large number in Grades Nine through Twelve, it was necessary to divide the Senior High into two clubs in September. Each Glee Club sang at the spring concert last May.

The Senior High School Glee Club auditioned at the Western Massachusetts Music Festival and received the highest rating last May. Three girls, Marian Martin, Jane Pietryka, and Theresa Zobka, were chosen for the District Chorus at "Our Lady of the Elms College" in Springfield. These girls are eligible to try out for "All State Chorus" at Hyannis in April.

The Senior Glee Club, Grades Eleven and Twelve, sang for the P.T.A. program December 15, 1958.

Many thanks to the principals and teachers who have been so interested, giving encouragement to their pupils.

HEALTH

Mrs. Tirzah D. Juskalian, R.N.

I herewith submit my report for 1958 as School Nurse. "A healthy child is a happy child." In an ever changing world one thing remains the same — the value of good health. One cannot work or study well when not in good health, the foundation of "All-Happiness". In dealing with children, I cannot overlook the fact that our school inhabitants, the children, are a very important part of Society. Since man rules Society and since man was once a child, the type of childhood becomes vitally important.

Getting children to practice good health habits, physically and mentally, is among the main objectives. The need for parental cooperation cannot be over-emphasized. Health education can begin even before a child can read. The School Nurse's duties do not end with examinations, check-ups, binding up wounds, soothing hurt feelings, but also promoting and taking part in special services provided by the school.

In my relationship with the pupils I have tried to reach them at their level and meet their needs both physically and emotionally, without "meddling". Health instructions have been given simply, objectively, and earnestly, but not frighteningly. Health teachings have had overtones suggesting that there is so much in life to enjoy that we should not blight our fun and other good things by inviting ill health.

In the interest of all concerned, I requested and was granted a short leave of absence in order to undergo preventive surgery. During my absence from the tenth of February until the middle of April, Mrs. Charlotte Ketchen very ably carried on as School Nurse.

In May, physical examinations were performed by Dr. James Collard, School Physician, on students in the first, fourth, seventh, and eleventh grades. This Fall found our schools well attended.

The School Health Department has endeavored to avail itself of all approved preventive measures. Statistics show that the nation is enjoying an all-high record in the controlling of communicable diseases by the use of vaccines.

On June 2nd and 3rd, approximately 800 children and school personnel were Mantoux tested. This tuberculin test is one of the most specific and reliable tests known to medicine. This program was arranged by the Hampshire County Public Health Association in cooperation with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health, Westfield State Sanatorium, Hampshire County Sanatorium, and the School Department. Dr. Frederick W. Goodhue, Superintendent of Hampshire County Sanatorium, was assisted by staff members from Westfield Sanatorium and State Health Department in administering the vaccine. We were fortunate in being one of the first schools to participate in such a program. All the schools in Massachusetts are scheduled to do so and will have to wait their turn. The state-wide program may take three to five years.

In our schools there have been very few serious illnesses. Scattered cases of chickenpox, one case of scarlet fever in December, and a number of bronchial pneumonia cases were reported. There still remains room for improvement regarding the social problems appearing now and then.

It was very gratifying that the Board of Health accepted our suggestion for immunizing all school personnel so desiring against Asian Flu. Dr. James Collard administered the vaccine to thirty-two persons. This step was taken to prevent absenteeism among school personnel.

This year the State Department of Education (Division of Health) has requested that an accident survey be made in the elementary schools. Therefore, a monthly accident report is sent to Boston. A summary report is to be sent at the end of May. Several talks have been given to students on the subject of prevention of accidents in school as well as at home.

An anti-polio clinic was held on June 11, 1958 at the Cold Spring School. Dr. Kenneth Collard administered the vaccine.

Last summer I attended classes at the University of Massachusetts. The course covered The Growth and Development of Children, physically, mentally, and emotionally. Although quite technical in certain aspects, it has proved very practical in its application concerning school children. It has helped to distinguish between a real problem and a developmental stage, to prevent anxiety rather than create it (for the parents as well), and it has pointed out more clearly the value of anticipatory guidance.

I should like to take this opportunity to invite any parent or teacher for conferences or discussions on an individual basis. "There is good evidence that democratic discussions are as necessary for mental health as vitamins are for physical health."

In closing I wish to thank all those persons who were so helpful and cooperative in carrying out a more meaningful health

CONCLUSION

In this conclusion I would first like to make special mention of the success of the school band and instrumental program under the enthusiastic leadership of Professor Joseph Contino of the University of Massachusetts. The band has performed publicly on several occasions during the year and their performances have been highly commended. Supporting the activities of the band and assisting with the care and supervision of uniforms is a mother's group. This group has and I am sure will continue to do much to insure the success of the band activity.

The organization by public spirited citizens of a Booster Club to further the high school athletic program is a second effort that I would like to commend. This Club highlighted the successful 1958 Basketball Season with a public dinner to honor the members of the Team and Cheerleaders. This type of community support creates an attitude in our young people that makes them want to give a good impression of Belchertown wherever they go.

I express my appreciation to all members of the school personnel for the part they have played in the progress made during the year. For the second successive year I note with regret the negative decision of a School Committee Member to seek reelection. Mr. Walter P. Piper has served on the Committe for eight and a half years during which time he has been most faithful in attendance and has contributed much to the discussion and solution of problems. He has had the unique opportunity of being able to draw on; his personal local experience as a former pupil and teacher, his concern as a parent, and, his financial knowledge of the economic status of the farmer in a community rapidly changing from rural to surburban. To Mr. Piper and the other Members of the Committee I am most grateful for the assistance and understanding I have received.

Respectfully submitted:

CARL J. PETERSON
Superintendent of Schools

School Financial Report

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOL EXPENDITURES, 1958

GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee		
Expenses	$99.00	
Superintendent of Schools		
Salary	6,749.99	
Expenses—including in and out-of-state travel, clerical help, postage, stationery and telephone	3,959.77	
Law Enforcement	14.34	10,823.10
INSTRUCTION		
Teachers' Salaries	130,310.14	
Teachers' Expense	3,185.09	
Instructional Supplies	7,540.44	141,035.67
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Janitor Service	12,121.92	
Operation of Expense: Supplies, Telephone, Electricity and Water	5,371.72	
Fuel	6,656.93	24,150.57
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Repairs and Replacements	3,934.70	3,934.70
TRANSPORTATION	32,712.49	32,712.49
HEALTH	*4,500.00	4,500.00

MISCELLANEOUS	*755.00	755.00
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	5,577.31	5,577.31
LIBRARY	521.93	521.93
CAPITAL OUTLAY	1,954.16	1,954.16
Total Expenditures from 1958 Appropriation		$225,964.93
Transferred from Available Funds: November 13, 1958		
Health	251.00	
Miscellaneous	197.08	448.08
Special Available Funds:		
George Barden—Evening Practical Arts	162.00	162.00
George D. Longley Music Fund, High School	600.00	600.00
		$227,175.01
Special Appropriation: February 10, 1958		1,000.00
Total Cost of Schools		$228,175.01
Total Receipts 1958:		
Appropriation	$227,753.20	
Transfer Available Funds	448.08	
Special Funds: George Barden	162.00	
Special Funds: George D. Longley, Music	600.00	
Special Appropriation, February 10, 1958	1,000.00	229,963.28
Balance Returned to Town		$1,788.27
REIMBURSEMENTS: Paid to Town of Belchertown from sources other than local taxation:		
Department of Public Welfare (State Wards)	5,257.96	
School Aid (Chapter 643)	40,132.63	
Transportation	28,592.92	
Superintendent	3,333.33	
Vocational Household Arts	2,352.78	
Youth Service Board	221.26	79,890.88

RECAPITULATION

Total Cost of Schools	$228,175.01	
State Reimbursements	79,890.88	
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown 1958		$148,284.13
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown 1957		$133,015.42

Vocational Education Financial Report

Vocational Education Appropriation		$6,000.00
Expenses:		
Transportation	$1,676.00	
Tuition	5,382.68	7,058.68
		—1,058.68
State Reimbursements:		
Transportation	816.48	
Tuition	2,005.15	2,821.63
Total Cost to Town	$7,058.68	
Reimbursement from State	2,821.63	
Actual Cost to the Town		$4,237.05

OUTSTANDING VOCATIONAL EDUCATION BILLS FOR 1958 TO BE PAID IN 1959: $1,058.68

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1958

SCHOOL	GRADES												TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Cold Spring Sch.	72	72	58	66	65	71							404
Franklin School	20	19	17	15	14								85
Center School							73	78					151
High School									72	67	48	39	226
	92	91	75	81	79	71	73	78	72	67	48	39	866

School Calendar

1958

September 3—Wednesday—Schools open for beginning of school year

October 13—Monday—Schools closed—Columbus Day Observance

October 24—Friday—Schools closed—Hampden County Teachers' Association Convention

November 11—Tuesday—Schools closed—Veterans' Day

November 27, 28—Thursday, Friday—Schools closed—Thanksgiving Vacation. Wednesday, November 26—Schools close, High School, 11.30; Elementary, 12 noon

December 1—Monday—Schools reopen

December 23—Tuesday—Schools closed—Christmas Vacation. Regular sessions will be held this day

1959

January 5—Monday—Schools reopen

February 20—Friday—Schools closed for Midwinter Vacation

March 2—Monday—Schools reopen

March 27—Friday—Schools closed—Good Friday

April 20—Monday—Schools closed—Patriots' Day Observance

April 24—Friday—Schools closed—Spring Vacation

May 4—Monday—Schools reopen

June 12—Friday—Elementary Schools closed for Summer Vacation

June 19—Friday—High School closed for Summer Vacation

87th Commencement

OF THE

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

June 12

1958

Lawrence Memorial Hall

8:00 P. M.

GRADUATES

Herbert Henry Barrett
Maxine Ann Carmody
Joyce Evelyn Chevalier
Peter Morrow Dearness
Patricia Doris Dupont
Carolyn Victoria Evanson
Mary Ann Flaherty
Larry Roland Foote
Arthur Richard Frost
Jean Ellen Fuller
Joan Arlene Goodrow
Bettie Gaynell Hastings
Marguerite Barbara Lincourt
Patricia Victoria Lysik
Earlene Edna Martin
Eleanor Winifred McGinnis
Mary Jane Papp
Judith Evelyn Purrington
Louis Edward Schmidt
John Kenneth Shiposki
Patricia Rollande Spooner
Judith Ann Walker
Margaret Anne Wegiel
George Charles Zitka, Jr.

PROGRAM

Processional		Barbara Wilson Accompanist
Invocation		Rev. Paul V. Varga
Song:	"A Graduation Prayer" Seniors	*Samuel C. Yahres*
Salutatory		Mary Jane Papp
Song:	"My God and I" Chorus	*F. B. Sergei*
Valedictory		Earlene Martin
Song:	"A Perfect Day" Seniors	*Carrie Jacobs-Bond*
Introduction of speaker of the evening		Carl J. Peterson Superintendent
Address		George F. Henderson, Employment Manager and Training Director Shawinigan Resins Corporation
Lions Club Scholarship		Royal K. Gay
Arnold C. Martinelli, Jr., Memorial Scholarships		Mrs. Francis P. Loftus
Holland Family Award in memory of Elizabeth H. and Nelson C. Holland		
Presentation of Class to School Committee		Guy E. Harrington Principal of High School
Awarding of Diplomas		Fitzhugh L. Turner Chairman School Committee
Song:	"Send Out Thy Light" Chorus	*Charles Gounod*
Benediction		Rev. Paul V. Varga
Recessional		

Songs directed by Mrs. Clara P. Cook
Accompanist, Barbara Wilson

DIRECTORY OF SCHOOL PERSONNEL as of JAN. 1, 1959

	Year Appointed
Carl J. Peterson—Superintendent of Schools	1953
Mrs. Tirzah Juskalian, R. N.—School Nurse	1954
Dr. James L. Collard—School Physician	1911
Mrs. Clara Cook—Music Supervisor	1948
Joseph Contino—Band Director	1956
W. L. Rinehart—Director Functional Hand Writing	1950

HIGH SCHOOL

Guy E. Harrington—Principal	1953
Robert D. Camp, Jr.—Science, Basketball Coach	1955
Clarence Dobson—Mechanical Drawing, Science, Math.	1957
Miss Madeline Fitzgerald—Commercial Department	1958
Mrs. Rosemary Fitzgerald—Mathematics	1958
Mrs. Florence Jackson—Household Arts	1946
James O'Leary—Social Studies, Baseball Coach	1957
Mrs. Marie Pepin—Science, French	1956
Mrs. Sophia Pero—Latin, English	1941
Lawrence E. Shea—English	1958
Mrs. Ada Tague—Social Studies	1946
Gerald G. Tremaine—Social Studies, Mathematics	1952

COLD SPRING SCHOOL

Donald E. Geer—Supervising Principal, Grades 1 - 6	1950
Miss Bertha O'Neill—Grade 1	1957
Mrs. Doris Gervais—Grade 1	1957
Mrs. Camille Dutcher—Grade 2	1957
Miss Irene Orlando—Grade 2	1917
Mrs. Anita Wadhams—Grade 3	1958
Miss Alice Flaherty—Grade 3	1922
Mrs. Ruth Dobson—Grade 4	1957
Mrs. Emma Loftus—Grade 4	1948
Mrs. Madeleine Lambert—Grade 5	1924
Mrs. Olive F. Hodgen—Grade 5	1958

Mrs. Margaret Austin—Grade 6	1954
William Dickinson—Grade 6	1957

CENTER SCHOOL—7 and 8 DEPARTMENTALIZED

Donald E. Geer—Principal	
Mrs. Bernadette Bowler—English, History	1942
Stanley Czech—Mathmatics, Science	1957
Edward J. Daunheimer—Mathematics, Science	1958
Mrs. Elizabeth E. Fox—Mathematics, English, Social Studies	1958
Mrs. Helen Renouf—English, Social Studies	1957

FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Miss Eleanor Fitzgerald—Principal, and Grades 3, 4	1931
Mrs. Lncy Sullivan—Grades 1, 2	1957
Mrs. Mildred Carter—Grades 5, 6	1943

CUSTODIANS

George Dewey—Cold Spring School	1947
Carl Hagman—Cold Spring School	1954
William Kimball, Jr.—High School, Household Arts and Center School	1950
Albert Dudek—Franklin School	1950
William Aldrich—Union School	1950
David Dzuris—Part-time Assistant, Cafeteria, and Center School	1957
William Kimball, Jr.—Attendance Officer	1955

CAFETERIA

Phyllis Mullane—Supervisor	1954
Carol Hubbard—Bookkeeper	1957
Nellie Dudek—Worker	1954
Della Gray—Worker	1956
Lois Lowe—Worker	1956
Ruby Martin—Worker	1955
Clara Skinner—Worker	1955
Josephine Zobka—Worker	1957

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested and sealed January 1, 1958—December 31, 1958:

Platform Scales over 5,000 lbs.	2
Platform Scales under 5,000 lbs.	8
Scales and Balances under 100 lbs.	21
Weights	39
Farm Milk Tanks	2
Gasoline Pumps	15

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $52.40.

RAYMOND C. GAY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

The cemeteries were cared for in the usual way. We suggest that a new fence be installed in the front of Hillcrest Cemetery to replace the present one which is in a state of poor repair.

Respectfully,

CHARLES F. AUSTIN
LINCOLN COOK
Cemetery Commissioners

Report of Finance Committee

TOWN OF BELCHERTOWN

Proposed Budget—1959

GENERAL GOVERNMENT—3.46%

Account	Total Exp. 1958	Requested 1959	Recomm'd 1959
Moderator			
Expenses		25.00	25.00
Finance Committee			
Expenses		75.00	75.00
Selectmen			
Salaries Chm. 375.00			
2 @ 325.00	1,025.00	1,025.00	1,025.00
Expenses	198.34	200.00	200.00
Accountant			
Salary	750.00	850.00	800.00
Expenses	59.19	75.00	75.00
Treasurer			
Salary	1,350.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
Expenses	802.76	794.00	794.00
Clerk			
Salary	850.00	900.00	900.00
Expenses	344.45	315.00	315.00
Collector			
Salary	1,700.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
Expenses	989.74	1,002.00	1,002.00
Assessors			
Salaries Chm. 500.00			
2 @ 400.00	1,300.00	1,300.00	1,300.00
Expenses	2,167.05	1,850.00	1,850.00
Law			
Expenses	450.00	500.00	500.00

Account	Total Exp. 1958	Requested 1959	Recomm'd 1959
Elections and Registration	1,499.77	800.00	800.00
Planning Board			
Expenses	72.92	150.00	150.00
Municipal Buildings			
Town Hall	978.67	900.00	900.00
Lawrence Memorial Hall	471.18	500.00	500.00
General Government Totals	15,009.07	14,861.00	14,811.00
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY—3.83%			
Police	5,392.46	5,970.00	5,400.00
Fire	2,381.57	2,975.00	2,975.00
Forest Fires	1,285.25	1,700.00	1,700.00
Hydrant Service	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Sealer of Weights and Measures	100.00	100.00	100.00
Inspector of Wires and Wiring	300.00	300.00	300.00
Civil Defense	1,196.12	1,168.00	1,168.00
Water Storage Holes (Fire)	334.15	300.00	300.00
Tree Services			
Trees	1,199.90	1,200.00	1,200.00
Insect Pest Control	599.60	600.00	600.00
Dutch Elm Disease	799.82	1,500.00	1,150.00
Protection Persons, Property totals	15,088.87	17,313.00	16,393.00
HEALTH AND SANITATION—1.60%			
Board of Health			
Salaries Chm. 150.00 2 @ 100.00	350.00	350.00	350.00
Expenses	2,150.83	2,625.00	2,625.00
Sewers			
Salaries		350.00	350.00
Expenses	2,986.62	3,185.00	3,185.00
Town Dump	341.26	350.00	350.00
Health and Sanitation Totals	5,828.71	6,860.00	6,860.00
HIGHWAYS & SIDEWALKS—2.46%			
Highways			
General	1,764.09	1,800.00	1,800.00
Bridges	2,845.48	2,500.00	2,500.00

Account	Total Exp. 1958	Requested 1959	Recomm'd 1959
Snow Removal	8,261.14	6,000.00	6,000.00
Sidewalks	105.01	250.00	250.00
(Chap. 81, 90M, 90C not included)			
Highway and Sidewalk Totals	12,975.72	10,550.00	10,550.00
CHARITIES & RELIEF—9.38%			
Board of Public Welfare			
Salaries Chmn. 175.00 2 @ 125.00	425.00	425.00	425.00
Welfare District	1,785.00	1.606.12	1,606.12
General Relief	1,474.94	1,500.00	1,500.00
Old Age Assistance	33,956.35	36.500.00	35,000.00
Disability Assistance	2,219.51	1,000.00	500.00
Aid to Dependent Children	377.35	1,000.00	1,000.00
Charities and Relief Totals	40,238.15	42,031.12	40,031.12
VETERANS DEPARTMENT—1.24%			
Veterans' Agent			
Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00
Benefits and Expenses	5,564.18	5,000.00	5,000.00
Veterans' Department Totals	5,864.18	5,300.00	5,300.00
SCHOOLS—59.15%			
General Control	10,823.10	11,667.00	11,667.00
Instruction	141,035.67	155,275.00	153,371.00
Operation	24,150.57	25,365.00	25,365.00
Repairs and Replacement	3,934.70	7,150.00	7,150.00
Transportation	32,712.49	33,300.00	33,300.00
Health	4,500.00	4,895.00	4,895.00
Miscellaneous	755.00	1,190.00	1,190.00
Household Arts	5,577.31	5,975.00	5,975.00
Capital Outlay	1,954.16	2,175.00	1,675.00
Library	521.93	650.00	650.00
Other Funds and Transfers	2,210.08		
	228,175.01	247,642.00	245,238.00
Vocational Education	6,000.00	9,000.00	8,000.00
Schools and Vocational Education	234,175.01	256,642.00	253,238.00

Account	Total Exp. 1958	Requested 1959	Recomm'd 1959
LIBRARY—0.16%			
Clapp Memorial Library	698.35	700.00	700.00
Dog License Refund	896.15		
Library Totals	1,594.50	*700.00	*700.00
PARKS, BEACH & RECREATION—0.22%			
Parsons Memorial Field	227.98	350.00	350.00
Town Common	142.94	250.00	250.00
Summer Recreation	350.00	350.00	350.00
Park, Beach, Recreation Totals	720.92	950.00	950.00
CEMETERIES—0.40%			
Care of Cemeteries	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
Soldiers Graves	200.00	200.00	200.00
Perpetual Care Income (Avail.funds)	539.82		
Cemeteries Totals	2,239.82	*1,700.00	*1,700.00
RETIREMENT—0.72%			
Town Employee Members	2,006.05	3,056.98	3,056.98
INSURANCE—2.41%			
Insurance	11,587.78	10,350.00	10,350.00
Insurance Reserve Trans.	926.92		
Insurance Totals	12,514.70	*10,350.00	*10,350.00
UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS—2.87%			
Street Lights	3,529.79	4,200.00	4,200.00
Memorial Day services	152.00	200.00	200.00
Veterans Day services	57.00	60.00	60.00
Town Clock	100.00	100.00	100.00
Printing of Town Reports		900.00	900.00
Reserve Fund (From overlay reserve)	3,609.14	6,000.00	6,000.00
Unclassified (Miscellaneous)	933.27	400.00	400.00
Department of Mental Health (Sewer bill 1/3)	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
Veterans' quarters	374.83	400.00	400.00
Unclassified Totals			
To Raise and Appropriate	12,046.89	12,260.00	12,260.00
From Overlay Reserve	3,609.14	6,000.00	6,000.00

	Total Exp. 1958	Requested 1959	Recomm'd 1959
MATURING DEBT & INTEREST—7.03%			
Sewer Loans of 1949 and 1952	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
School Loans of 1952	23,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Debt Total	26,000.00	23,000.00	23,000.00
Sewer Loans, interest	875.00	725.00	725.00
School Loans, interest	6,636.00	6,285.00	6,285.00
Temporary Notes, interest	564.29	500.00	500.00
Interest Total	7,614.29	7,010.00	7,010.00
Debt and Interest Totals	33,614.29	30,010.00	30,010.00

ARTICLES IN WARRANT—5.07%

Warrant Article No.	Amount	Raised & Appro'ted	Available Funds
4. Highways, Chap. 81	35,325.00	7,000.00	28,325.00
5. Highways, Chap. 90 Const. Rt.21	15,000.00	3,000.00	12,000.00
6. Highways, Maint. Chap. 90	3,000.00	1,000.00	2,000.00
Special Amherst Road	2,000.00		2,000.00
11. Verifax machine	450.00	450.00	
12. Road Machinery Earnings to Road Machinery Exp. Acct.	4,500.00		4,500.00
14. Bills of 1958	1,761.40	1,761.40	
15. Streets (6) by petition of voters	5.100.00	5,100.00	
16. Sidewalks (4) by petition voters	2,000.00	2,000.00	
18. Old Town Hall	660.00		**660.00
Fire Truck	5,704.28		5,704.28
25. Fire Truck (Surplus Revenue)	6,795.72		6,795.72
19. Street Drainage	800.00	800.00	
21. Reappraisal of Personal Property	700.00	700.00	
22. Building Inspector's salary	300.00	300.00	
23. Street drainage system	500.00	500.00	
8. Police Radio	546.00	546.00	
17. Town seal	25.00	25.00	
26. Printing of by-laws	300.00	300.00	
Total Special Articles		21,721.00	
Total recommended to be Raised and Appropriated:		427,931.10	

*Article 3 will provide an additional $748.07 for the Library, the Perpetual Care income $775.00 toward the Cemetery account, and Article 9 will provide an additional $861.25 for Insurance.

**Post-war Rehabilitation Fund.

Percentages given are for 1959 Raise and Appropriate recommended figures.

THIS COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS APPROVAL OF THOSE ARTICLES LISTED ABOVE IN THE AMOUNTS SHOWN. WE ALSO RECOMMEND APPROVAL OF ARTICLES 3, 7, 9, 10, 13, and 20.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH F. FLANAGAN, Chm.
STANFORD J. HARRINGTON
BERNARD BOWLER
SIDNEY W. WHEELER
W. IRA SHATTTUCK
The Finance Committee

Town Warrant

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 2 AND 9, 1959

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To any of the constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday, the second day of February, A. D. 1959, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Tree Warden, a Cemetery Commissioner, and five Constables, each for one year; a Selectman, a Collector of Taxes and Town Collector, a School Committee Member, an Assessor, a Board of Health Member, a Sewer Commissioner, a Cemetery Commissioner, each for three years; one Planning Board Member for five years.

The polls will be open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the ninth day of February, A. D. 1959, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year: one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committee that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, Program of 1959, on Chauncey D. Walker Street (Route 21)—Turkey Hill Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, not to exceed the following hourly rates:

Cemetery Commissioners	$1.25 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	1.50 per hour
Tree Warden	1.75 per hour

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase and install one radio Transmittor-Receivor Unit and accessories for the use of the Belchertown Police, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $861.25 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1959, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a Verifax printing machine, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $4,500.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to validate and confirm the action taken by the town under Articles 1 and 2 of the warrant for the Special Town Meeting held January 8, 1959, whereby it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,042.80 to pay snow removal bills of 1958 and whereby the sum of $713.08 was appropriated by transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1958:

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.—Assessors	$10.70
Lewis H. Blackmer—Assessors	15.00
Hampshire County Sanatorium—Board of Health	93.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.—Civil Defense	8.70
Chadbourne's Pet. Products—Old Town Hall	43.62
Ernest M. Gay—Police Department	54.16
Chadbourne's Pet. Products—Police Department	8.20
Herbert E. Squires—Police Department	43.75
Adam Antonovitch—Police Department	18.75
Belchertown Water District—Cemetery Commissioners	12.00
Payable to Sundry Persons—Vocational Ed. (Tuition)	1,058.68
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.—School Department	63.95
Worcester County Electric Co.—School Department	330.89
	$1,761.40

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

- Railroad Street
- Shea Avenue
- Boardman Road
- Cold Spring Road
- South Street
- South Washington Street
- Munsell Street

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of sidewalks on the following streets, all public ways:

- Franklin Street
- North Washington Street
- Jabish Street
- Mill Valley Road

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to adopt an official town seal in accordance with Section 47, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, said seal to be retained in the custody of the Town Clerk and to be used by all town officers and boards when making instruments under seal on behalf of the town; to further appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of said seal, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund the sum of $660 for the re-wiring of the Old Town Hall, and the sum of $5,704.28 as part payment for a new Fire Truck (Tank Type) Pumper. The purchase of the Fire Truck to be under the provisions of Section 4B, Chapter 40 of the General Laws and Section 8 of the town by-laws. Any action taken hereon is subject to approval of the Emergency Finance Board, prior to any expenditure of funds, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the altering of the surface drainage system on the Three Rivers Road near the residence of J. B. Bowler, and Stephen Socha, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Assessors to be paid for additional work required maintaining the new assessment system, at the rate of $2.00 per hour, not to exceed the amount included in the expenses for the Assessors, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in order that the Board of Assessors may hire and obtain a re-appraisal of the personal property holdings of the Electric Service Company, and also have a re-appraisal of that portion of other public utilities not under restriction by State Law, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the salary of the building inspector, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of a drainage system on Cottage Street Extension near the property of Adelyn Stacy or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current fiscal year, and act thereon.

Art. 25. To see if the town will vote to appropriate from available funds in the Treasury a sum of money to be used as part payment on a new fire truck (Tank Type) or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to cover the cost of gathering and printing of all by-laws, orders, Board of Health Regulations, and all adopted or accepted chapters of the General Laws as voted by the town in Article 15 at the annual town meeting of February 10, 1958, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 27. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, one at Union School at Dwight, and one at Keyes' Hotel at South Belchertown, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 22nd day of January A. D. 1959.

JOHN W. AVERY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of Elementary School Building Committee

In a letter dated November 6, 1958, the Belchertown Elementary School Building Committee presented to the School Committee for formal acceptance the Cold Spring Elementary School. The School Committee on the same date unanimously voted to accept this building. This presentation was in accordance with a recommendation of the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission as a necessary step prior to final financial accounting for State reimbursement. The annual amount of reimbursement to date has been $11,375, based on estimated costs. This figure may vary slightly when all bills have been certified. The tentative description of expenditures as outlined to the Commission on July 14 were as follows:

Construction	$377,527.20
Architect Fees	30,583.79
Equipment	34,680.12
Site Development	22,823.82
Advertising	116.25
	$465,731.18

The Elementary School Building Committee wishes to take this opportunity to thank everyone who in any way contributed to the successful completion of this project. The Committee takes justifiable pride in their accomplishment and hope that in the ensuing years those responsible for this school will make every effort to properly maintain it and to provide for the educational ideals for which it was dedicated.

Respectfully submitted,

E. CLIFTON WITT, *Chairman*
MRS. LOUIS SHUMWAY, *Secretary*
MRS. HUDSON HOLLAND (Former Member)
ISAAC A. HODGEN
CARL J. PETERSON

Town Officers, 1959

ELECTED

Name	*Office*	*Term Expires*
	MODERATOR	
Henry Renouf		Feb. 1960
	TOWN CLERK	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		Feb. 1960
	SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF WELFARE	
Michael S. Mathras		Feb. 1960
Charles F. Austin		Feb. 1961
Raymond C. Gay		Feb. 1962
	TREASURER	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		Feb. 1961
	TAX AND TOWN COLLECTOR	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		Feb. 1962
	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Fitzhugh L. Turner, Jr.		Feb. 1960
Harold W. Willey		Feb. 1961
Phillis W. Flaherty		Feb. 1962
	PLANNING BOARD	
Richard D. N. Dickinson		Feb. 1960
George B. Jackson		Feb. 1961
Henry Renouf		Feb. 1962
Milton R. Locke		Feb. 1963
William E. Aldrich		Feb. 1964
	CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	
Elwyn H. Bock		Feb. 1960
Lincoln A. Cook		Feb. 1961
Harvey A. Lincourt		Feb. 1962

ASSESSORS

William F. Kimball, Jr.	Resigned
Frank L. Gold (Appointed)	Feb. 1960
Elliott S. Cordner	Feb. 1961
Romeo J. Joyal	Feb. 1962

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Milton C. Baggs	Feb. 1960
Helen L. Papp	Feb. 1961
D. Donald Hazen	Feb. 1962

TREE WARDEN

Albert W. Brown	Feb. 1960

BOARD OF HEALTH

Frances P. Smola	Resigned
Ruthella C. Tucker (Appointed)	Feb. 1960
Raymond C. Gay	Feb. 1960
Kenneth L. Collard, M. D.	Feb. 1961

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET AND MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUNDS

Ruth B. Fuller	Feb. 1960
Sophia M. Pero	Feb. 1960

TRUSTEES OF CALVIN D. BRIDGMAN FUND

George A. Poole	Feb. 1960
D. Donald Hazen	Feb. 1961
Lewis H. Blackmer	Feb. 1962

CONSTABLES

Adam L. Antonovitch	Feb. 1960
Ernest M. Gay	Feb. 1960
Frank P. Loftus	Feb. 1960
Andrew T. Sears	Feb. 1960
Herbert E. Squires	Feb. 1960

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Appointed by Selectmen

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Fanny G. Morey (App. 12-1-58)	Dec. 1, 1961

FIRE CHIEF

Louis E. Fuller	Feb. 1960

POLICE CHIEF

Ernest M. Gay	Feb. 1960

FOREST WARDEN

Louis E. Fuller	Feb. 1960

POLICE CHIEF, DEPUTY

Andrew T. Sears	Feb. 1960

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Joseph Flanagan	Feb. 1960
David A. Staples	Feb. 1961
Stanford J. Harrington	Feb. 1961
Kenneth Thayer	Feb. 1962
William G. Whitlock	Feb. 1962

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Alice M. Flaherty (Democrat)	Feb. 1960
Raymond T. Beaudoin (Democrat)	Feb. 1961
Roy G. Shaw (Republican)	Feb. 1962

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Joseph A. Kulig	Feb. 1960

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Raymond C. Gay	Feb. 1960

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Albert W. Brown	Feb. 1960

VETERANS' AGENT

Sidney W. Wheeler	Feb. 1962

APPEALS BOARD

Harold E. Mellin	Feb. 1960
Frederick Owen	Feb. 1961
Robert T. Braden	Feb. 1961
Aubrey Lapolice	Feb. 1962
W. Ira Shattuck	Feb. 1962

DOG OFFICER

Wallace F. Chevalier	Feb. 1960

INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Walter Henry, Jr.	Feb. 1960

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ernest Ducharme	Feb. 1960

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

A. Preston Atwood	Feb. 1960

TRUSTEE FOR HAMPSHIRE CO. AID TO AGRICULTURE

Robert E. Hanfin	Feb. 1960

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Donald Terry	Feb. 1960
Raymond C. Gay	Feb. 1960

FENCE VIEWERS AND FIELD DRIVERS

Chester Dzwonkowski	Feb. 1960
David E. Fournier	Feb. 1960
Adam Antonovitch	Feb. 1960
Elwyn Bock	Feb. 1960

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Harry L. Ryther	Feb. 1960
H. Morgan Ryther	Feb. 1960
Arthur R. Brooks	Feb. 1960
Walter Tolpa, Jr.	Feb. 1960
Earl Howland	Feb. 1960
Arthur Courchesne	Feb. 1960

SPECIAL POLICE

Robert Anderson	Feb. 1960
James Baker	Feb. 1960
Lester Beaudoin	Feb. 1960
Elwyn Bock	Feb. 1960
Randolph Brown	Feb. 1960
Edward Czech	Feb. 1960
Royal Gay	Feb. 1960
Merton Pratt	Feb. 1960
William Squires	Feb. 1960
Willard Young, Jr.	Feb. 1960
Chester Dzwonkowski	Feb. 1960
Mabel Depot (School Traffic)	Feb. 1960
William F. Kimball, Jr., (School Traffic)	Feb. 1960
A. Preston Atwood (School Traffic)	Feb. 1960
Earle H. Whitehouse	Feb. 1960

PUBLIC WEIGHERS (State School only)

Paul T. Austin	
Randolph H. Brown	Feb. 1960
John E. Davis	Feb. 1960
John T. Flaherty	Feb. 1960
Julius Goodman	Feb. 1960
C. Lawrence Rhodes	Feb. 1960
Paul P. Foran	Feb. 1960
Leon M. Hislop	Feb. 1960
Charles W. Kern	Feb. 1960
H. Conrad Kirby	Feb. 1960
Maurice McLean	Feb. 1960
Aubrey Lapolice	Feb. 1960
Frank Lashway	Feb. 1960
Donald L. Morey	Feb. 1960
Daniel P. Shea	Feb. 1960
Wendell C. McGinnis	Feb. 1960
Walter F. McKillop	Feb. 1960

John B. Nadeau	Feb. 1960
Patrick J. Nagle	Feb. 1960
Pietro Panciera	Feb. 1960
Theodore M. Picard	Feb. 1960
Douglas Rhodes	Feb. 1960
Chester J. Sosnowski	Feb. 1960

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER (B. S. S. Only)

Aubrey D. Lapolice	Feb. 1960
John B. Nadeau	Feb. 1960

SPECIAL POLICE (Not Limited to B. S. S.)

Henry A. Tadgell, M. D.	Feb. 1960
Thomas P. Feeney	Feb. 1960

BOARD OF HEALTH APPOINTMENTS

Office	Name	Term Expires
Inspector of Slaughtering	Clarence Hubbard	Feb. 1960
Inspector of Animals	Dr. Francis M. Austin	Feb. 1960
Special Agent at B. S. S.	Dr. Henry A. Tadgell	Feb. 1960
Sanitation Advisor	John A. Brickett	Feb. 1960
Report Clerk	Doris S. Squires	Feb. 1960

Raymond C. Gay, Chairman
Ruthella C. Tucker, Clerk

JURORS DRAWN FOR DUTY DURING 1959

GRAND JUROR

George B. Jackson

TRAVERSE JURORS

January
Alfred P. Atwood
Catherine S. Chadbourne

April
Melvin Bosworth
Harold D. Suhm

May
David A. Staples
Florence B. Poole

August
Frank A. Cantin
Henry A. Baggs

List of Jurors

FOR 1959

William E. Aldrich	Federal Street	Handy Man
Guy C. Allen, Jr.	So. Main Street	Master Plumber
Robert G. Anderson	C. Walker Street	Farmer
Joseph F. Austin	West Street	Dairy Farmer
Henry A. Baggs	C. Walker Street	Stock Chaser
Philip R. Barnes	Federal Street	Maintenance
Kenneth F. Bristol	Cottage Street	Mechanic
Randolph H. Brown	No. Main Street	Manitenance Man
Frank A. Cantin	Bay Road	Textiles
Raymond G. Dana	C. Walker Street	Setter
Peter Demetropoulos	Mill Valley Rd.	Field Civil Engineer
Harvey M. Dickinson	So. Main Street	Plastic Worker
Robert C. Dunbar	Sargent Street	Clerk
Raymond C. Gay	Main Street	Trucker

Royal K. Gay	No. Main Street	Truck Driver
Fred Goodrich	Federal Street	Storekeeper
Charles F. Howard	Jackson Street	Machinist
Blake S. Jackson	No. Washington Street	Broker
Frank J. Kosiba	Federal Street	Interviewer
Joseph Labrie	Federal Street	Heat Treater
Raymond P. Lagrant	Franklin Street	Stock Control Man
Michael S. Mathras	E. Walnut Street	Production Super.
John Milner	Stebbins Street	Assistant Manager
Robert Morey	No. Washington Street	Clerk
Wilfred L. Noel	Maple Street	Lead Operator
John Pamoukis	Amherst Road	Assembler
Henry Renouf	Robin Farm	Farming
David W. Russell	South Street	Salesman
Charles H. Sanford	No. Main Street	Carpenter
William T. Slate	Bardwell Street	Electrician
Walter S. Slupnicki	Railroad Street	Laborer
William H. Squires, Jr.	Main Street	Auto Mechanic
Robert W. Sutcliffe	Poole Road	Stock Clerk
Sidney W. Wheeler	Everett Avenue	Financial Advisor
Carl E. White	C. Walker Street	Area Mechanic
Female		
Amy S. Allen	M. Sears Road	Housewife
Ruby V. Andrews	Ballou Street	At Home
Anne C. Austin	West Street	Housewife
Hazel F. Charles	Jabish Street	Telephone Operator
Mildred S. Cole	Franklin Street	Housewife, Teacher
Ethel Corliss	Mill Valley Road	Retired
Barbara A. Gay	Main Street	Housewife
Emma L. M. Grover	Federal Street	Housewife
Lucy J. Hislop	So. Main Street	Bookkeeper
Alma S. Lindquist	Mill Valley Road	Bank Teller
Helen Robinson	Old Springfield Road	Homemaker
Helen M. Rhodes	Jabish Street	Housewife
Barbara C. Henneman	E. Walnut St.	Clerk

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

(appointed by Fire Chief)

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
Kenneth B. Bristol
Carl J. Peterson
Nelson J. Hill
Ernest M. Gay

MEMBERS BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Louis E. Fuller, Chief
Carl J. Peterson, Deputy Chief
Kenneth B. Bristol, Capt.
Willard Young, Lieutenant
Isaac Hodgen, Lieutenant
Roy G. Shaw, Lieutenant
Guy C. Allen
Donald Bock
Elwyn Bock
Joseph Chadbourne
Lloyd Chadbourne, Jr.
Ernest M. Gay
Royal Gay
Sherman L. Gould
Hubert Greene
Raymond Hale
Nelson Hill
David Hodgen
Samuel Joyal
Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
Richard Knight
Fred Lincoln
Milton Locke
Raymond Menard
Michael Oberly
Harold Peck
Paige Piper
Louis A. Shumway
Herbert Squires
William H. Squires
David A. Staples

DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE OPERATORS

Ruth Neville
Jane Conklin
Marguerite Mumford
Pauline Barrett
Hazel Charles
Jean Mellin

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall	Newton, Mass.
John Kennedy	Boston, Mass.

CONGRESSMAN—FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Silvio O. Conte	Pittsfield, Mass.

STATE SENATOR

Ralph C. Mahar	Orange, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

James Richard Nolen	Ware, Mass.

COUNCILLOR, EIGHTH COUNCILLOR DISTRICT

Raymond T. Sullivan	Springfield, Mass.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Hiram H. Brownell	Northampton, Mass.
Raymond A. Lyman	Easthampton, Mass.
Edwin M. Podolak	Hadley, Mass.

CLERK OF COURTS

Merrill E. Torrey	Northampton, Mass.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Raymond A. Warner	Williamsburg, Mass.

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Frank E. Tuit, II	Northampton, Mass.

COUNTY TREASURER

Howard A. Banner	Northampton, Mass

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Sanford Keedy	Amherst, Mass.

Report of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen organized shortly after the Annual Town Meeting as follows: Michael S. Mathras, Chairman of the Board; Charles F. Austin, Chairman of the Board of Public Welfare; and Raymond C. Gay as Clerk of the Board.

The Board held sixty-seven meetings during the year in addition to attending all out-of-town meetings that required local representation. The meeting schedule of the Board was changed for a period of some six weeks during which time the Board attended a six-week seminar held by the Bureau of Government Research at the University of Massachusetts on "Modern Trends in Town Management". The Board feels that this series of lectures have helped us immeasurably in carrying out the duties of our office more efficiently.

Nineteen Fifty Nine was indeed a busy year, and our undertakings were many and varied, some of which were completed and some instituted for future completion. Following is a list of some of the projects that were completed during the past year.

* *

The Street Lighting Program in the South End was completed, making this section of town as bright as our center.

* *

Revamped our entire Insurance Program to assure us that in case of fire our town buildings would be protected in accordance with higher current replacement costs.

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Delegated to our Highway Department the construction of all sidewalks which were formerly sent out on bid, resulting in approximately 50% more footage per dollar as compared to previous projects. A portion of the Mill Valley Road sidewalk was completed by our Highway Department, and during the coming year we plan to do additional work on the Mill Valley Road sidewalk, start the Jabish Street project, and complete both the Franklin and North Washington Street sidewalks.

* *

Participated in the Amherst Bi-Centennial Parade with five entries sponsored by The Historical Association, The Chamber of Commerce, The Garden Club, The State School Volunteer Association, and our own Fire Department. To each of these groups, this Board again wishes to extend thanks for their efforts on behalf of the town.

* *

Met with Department of Public Works representatives, and took all necessary steps to legalize Stop signs in town, most of which had been installed in prior years without State approval.

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Met with Registry of Motor Vehicles and Department of Public Works officials in a vain attempt to have the speed limits on North Main Street reduced.

* *

The Board has done much preliminary work on the following projects which we hope either to institute or complete in 1960.

* *

Have granted licenses to two Bus lines to stop in Belchertown, thus providing bus service to almost all points east and west. The Board has been assured that the Peter Pan Bus Lines will begin operations early in 1960.

* *

Met with a representative of the Telephone Company in an effort to make available to all local subscribers toll-free service to surrounding towns. We anticipate initial surveys to begin by early spring of 1960.

* *

Conducted in conjunction with the Western Mass. Electric Co. a lighting survey for Bay Road, Stebbins and Federal Streets, the results of which will be placed before the voters at the Annual Town Meeting.

* *

Attended Chapter 90 hearings at Northampton and again vigorously protested our plight as far as maintenance on Route 9, Amherst Road, is concerned, and again as in the past the Commissioners have promised relief. We plan to pursue this problem during the coming year, hoping to ultimately give Route 9 back to the State.

During the course of this hearing, we complained about the fact that we had not received our Chapter 90 Construction contracts from the State and we along with other communities in the area felt that we could not complete our Chapter 90 construction during 1959. The Department of Public Works, admitting their tardiness (due to budget cuts), have granted us extensions until June 30, 1960 to complete our 1959 program. As it was, we started work on these projects about a month before we actually received our contracts which came through late in November and early December. We realize that winter construction is unwise, but had no alternative but to start work during the current year as required by law.

* *

Have drawn up and held hearings on a set of Motor Boat Regulations which we can now submit to the Department of Public Works for approval, inasmuch as the Attorney General did not act either favorably or otherwise on the By-law within the 90-day period allowed him by law. We hope to have approval on these bylaws in time to put them into effect this spring.

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Faced with the prospect of a major road repair project on Jackson Street, this Board met with State and County officials and were able to persuade the State to contribute $7,000.00, the County $2,500.00 to go along with the $3,500.00 Chapter 718 grant to provide for a $13,000.00 project on Jackson Street at absolutely no cost to the town.

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The Board plans to appoint a Belchertown Bi-Centennial Committee early in 1960 in order that extensive plans for our own Bi-Centennial celebration in 1961 can be properly drawn up.

* *

The Board plans to appoint a Town Report Committee in an effort to make our Town Report more attractive, concise, and if possible to bring it into the prize winning category for 1961.

* *

The Board, realizing the ineffectiveness of our present brush cutting program, has set up a definite plan whereby money will be specifically allocated for this purpose and this project will be divorced from the hit-or-miss Chapter 81 program of the past.

* *

The Board, as in the above item, has set up a definite Bridge Repair program wherein all posts and guard rails will be replaced in addition to maintaining all other bridges and replacing the bridge on Boardman Road.

* *

The Board has set up a works program whereby our Town Barn can be repaired and painted to make it more presentable and to protect our investment in this building.

* *

Due to our late start on our Route 21 construction project, and because the weather prevented us from surfacing the graded portion this year, we plan to proceed with the grading and to surface both the 1959 and 1960 portions of this road during 1960.

* *

The Garden Club, as usual, have done their bit to make our Common more attractive with new plants and shrubbery, and to this group again, a most appreciative Thank You. The Board also wishes to express its gratitude to all town officials, department heads, and the public in general for the fine spirit of co-operation exhibited during the past year.

The Board of Selectmen, as well as the entire town was saddened with the passing of Paul Austin, whose frequent visits to the Board in his capacity as Sheriff were most enjoyable and his wit and humor made every visit a refreshing interlude; we all feel very keenly the void left with his passing.

In closing may we add that 1960 looms as an unusually busy year and only with the help of all concerned can we hope to cope with the increased tempo and demands of current day town administration.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
RAYMOND C. GAY
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of the Board of Health

The Board of Health organized soon after election with the following officers: Raymond C. Gay, Chairman; Frances P. Smola, Clerk; and Kenneth L. Collard, member at large. In August Miss Smola resigned to be married and Ruthella M. Tucker was appointed to fill out the 1959 year of her unexpired term. Meetings were changed to the fourth Wednesday of the month to accommodate members of the Board.

New septic tank installation inspections have been made. Members of the Board have accompanied the registered sanitarian, John A. Brickett, on his monthly inspection of restaurants, food and drink establishments and piggeries. All public nuisances brought to the attention of the Board have been thoroughly investigated, and measures taken for the abatement thereof. On October 13th, an all-day inspection of the many food establishments and confectionery stands was carried out. The Board of Health Sanitarian renders invaluable service to the Board and to the Town of Belchertown in all matters concerning Public Health.

The Board conducted a Polio Clinic in 1959 for all interested, offsetting the expense of vaccine and personnel with a charge of one dollar per injection. A total of 1,124 injections were given. The cost of the June clinic was $189.20, the July clinic $195.30, making a total cost of $384.50. The total amount taken in was $919.20; the amount of $534.70 was turned over to the town after expenses of personnel and cost of the vaccine were deducted from total receipts. Approximately 205 people were unable to pay for these inoculations.

The Board also conducted a free DPT (Diphtheria, Tetanus, Pertussis) clinic. On March 25, 542 injections were given; on April 22, 235 injections were given; on May 20, 207 injections were given, making a total of 984 injections. The grand total of injections administered in both series of clinics was 2,108.

Communicable diseases reported to the Belchertown Board of Health through December, 1959, were as follows:

Chicken pox	25	Pertussis	2
German measles	2	Scarlet fever	16
Hepatitis	5	Tuberculosis	5
Measles	14	Whooping cough	1
Meningitis	2	Dog bites	33
Mumps	4		

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND C. GAY, *Chairman*
KENNETH L. COLLARD, M. D.
RUTHELLA M. TUCKER, *Clerk*

SANITARIAN'S REPORT

The Honorable Board of Health
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

As Agent-Sanitarian for the Board of Health of the Town of Belchertown, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1959.

During the year all public eating and drinking establishments, stores, bakeries and markets were inspected several times. Because of the excellent cooperation from the owners of these establishments sincere attempt was made to comply with the health regulations.

A great deal of time was placed on the inspection of the three licensed piggeries in the town. To provide greater protection to the inhabitants of the town, the piggery regulations were revised in June, 1959. The revision prohibited commercial piggeries in the town but does allow for the keeping of up to nine pigs with a permit issued by the Board of Health.

Seven public health nuisance complaints were investigated and abated satisfactorily.

Forty itinerant restaurants were inspected during Fair Day. All the establishments operated in accordance with health regulations.

Sanitary facilities were inspected at the town beach during the summer months. Recommendations for bettering these facilities were made to the Park Department. These recommendations were carried out.

Several Board of Health meetings were attended and help was given on an administrative level.

Regular inspection was made of the trailer coach park. Continued inspection will be made to insure continued good operation of the park from a sanitary standpoint.

The sanitary condition of the Town of Belchertown, in general, was extremely good. The Board of Health was extremely active and interested in the public health of the community.

I wish to thank the Board of Health and the public for the fine cooperation that they all extended to me. With the continuance of this fine cooperation, Belchertown will be a fine and healthy community in which to live.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. BRICKETT, R. S.
Agent - Sanitarian
Belchertown Board of Health

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District Report

Belchertown Board of Public Welfare
Granby Board of Public Welfare
Gentlemen:

The Belchertown-Granby Welfare District continues to operate on the basis of proportioning receipts and expenses at the rate of 62.5% for Belchertown and 37.5% for Granby. The State reimbursement of 33⅓% of expenses of the District (by reason of being a welfare district) in addition to the Federal reimbursement appreciably reduces the administration expense of the various categories of welfare services for both Belchertown and Granby.

During the year 276 visits were made, the total aid rendered was $74,746.74, and 77 cases were handled. The net expense for administering these welfare services was $2,501.73 (Belchertown—$1,563.58, Granby—$938.15). At the end of the year the cash balance in the District was $2,660.46 (Belchertown—$1,662.78, Granby—$997.68). The member towns have been assessed a total of $2,590.77 for 1960 expenses, Belchertown $1,619.24, Granby $971.53.

A detail of the operating expenses for 1959 follows:

Salaries	$7,591.74
Travel	240.57
Postage	121.10
Office Supplies	130.81
Telephone	179.40
Office Maintenance	12.00
Rent	720.00

Compensation Insurance	40.30
Bond	12.00
Medical Advisor and Legal	70.00
Hampshire County Assessment	511.14
Hospital and Group Life Insurance	227.36
Miscellaneous	39.50
Total operating cost	$9,895.92
Less reimbursements	7,384.19
Net operating cost	$2,501.73

Respectfully submitted,
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
JOHN J. McCOOL
Welfare District Committee

Lena N. Wilson, *Agent*

Report of Welfare District Treasurer

BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY WELFARE DISTRICT

Dr.			
Cash on hand, January 1, 1959		$2,594.46	
Receipts, 1-1-59 to 12-31-59:			
Federal	4,076.82		
State	3,255.48		
Town of Belchertown	1,606.12		
Town of Granby	961.61		
Miscellaneous	1,845.97	12,494.49	$14,340.46
Cr.			
Warrants of District Officers		11,680.00	
Cash on hand December 31, 1959		2,660.46	$14,340.46

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,
District Treasurer

Report of Welfare District Agent

Board of Public Welfare
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

Services performed for the Town of Belchertown by the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District have been enlarged upon this year. In addition to handling the cases actually applying for and receiving assistance, considerable social work has been performed. The number of cases regularly receiving Old Age Assistance has reduced slightly during the year. Increased Social Security benefits in many instances provides for the regular needs of people who become medically indigent when sickness occurs. Many of our recipients are patients in licensed nursing homes and several have been hospitalized duirng the year. These factors have contributed considerably to the expenditures for 1959. The breakdown according to the various categories of assistance is as follows:

	Expenditures	Reimbursements	Net Cost
Old Age Assistance	$55,526.44	$47,719.55	$7,806.89
Aid to Dependent Children	1,535.58	1,582.75	cr. 47.17
Disability Assistance	718.80	573.99	144.81
General Relief	1,018.36	37.40	980.96
	$58,799.18	$49,913.69	$8,885.49
Board Salaries	425.00	13.18	411.82
Total	$59,224.18	$49,926.87	$9,297.31

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District	1,563.58
Total net cost for all categories of assistance and the administration thereof for 1959	$10,860.89

During the year 201 visits were made on the 58 cases handled and the total expenditure in grants was $58,799.18. At the close of the year the Town of Belchertown holds 20 Old Age Assistance liens, has 40 Old Age recipients, 2 Aid to Dependent Children cases, 1 Disability Assistance case and 1 General Relief case.

At this time I should like to express my appreciation for the cooperation received during 1959 from your Board, the various Town Officials and the Police Department for its ambulance service.

Respectfully submitted,
LENA N. WILSON
Welfare District Agent

Report of Assessors

The Board feels that the results of maintaining the new valuation system coupled with building permits under the Zoning Law for the first time in 1958 should be outlined to the town, as a part of our 1959 report.

Much more field work was done; ninety-three incomplete 1958 properties were viewed, resulting in $69,250.00 added to the assessment list as of January 1, 1959, when they were adjusted. Sixty-six building permits were viewed, appraised, and $161,950. added to the assessment lists. An additional $10,550.00 resulted in land values under the land pricing formula where farm or other land was sold as building lots.

Permission was received from the Metropolitan District Commission at Quabbin Reservoir to levy $30,000.00 upon that portion of the electric power generating facilities producing power which is being sold.

Under the appropriation voted at the Annual Town Meeting for a reappraisal of the Utilities, the contract was awarded to National Consultant Service of Lincoln, Massachusetts. These appraisals of sound values furnished an additional Personal Property Value of $329,761.00.

Dwellings assessed in 1959 were 1,140 compared with 1,096 in 1958. The combined results of these additional assessment values, less corrections made by the Board on the 1957 appraisals, coupled with the increased State re-imbursement for 1959 of $17,265.75 above the estimates made by the Board while fixing the 1958 rate resulted in a $39.00 tax rate for 1959.

The total assessed value for 1959 was $6,923,617.00, an increase of $454,507.00 over 1958. Conservative estimates were made of 1959 estimated receipts while fixing the 1959 rate.

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal estate and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth, Federal government, and other cities and towns.
3. Receipts of departments and available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and fines.
5. Miscellaneous other sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$508,439.43
Other expenses for the year:		
State Parks and Reservations	$1,931.24	
State Audit	1,284.16	
County Tax	18,491.05	
Overlay for current year	12,472.82	34,179.27
Gross amount to be raised		$542,618.70
Expected revenue from the Commonwealth	196,566.55	
Available Funds	74,163.09	270,729.64
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as		271,889.06
Total valuation:		
Personal Property	703,022.00	
Land	1,172,045.00	
Buildings	5,048,550.00	
Total Valuation		6,923,617.00
Tax levy at $39.00		
Personal Property	27,417.86	
Real Estate	242,603.20	
Polls	1,868.00	
Total Levy		271,889.06

Added assessments:

Personal Property	$2,100.00	$81.90
Real Estate	4,150.00	161.95
Polls		18.00

ROMEO J. JOYAL, *Chairman*
ELLIOTT S. CORDNER
FRANK L. GOLD
Board of Assessors

Report of Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

Poll Taxes

1957		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959		6.00
Abated	6.00	
	6.00	6.00
1958		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959		24.00
Collected	4.00	
Abated	16.00	
Outstanding 12-31-59	4.00	
	24.00	24.00
1959		
Assessors Warrants		1,868.00
Assessors Warrants (additional)		18.00
Refund		4.00
Collected	1,798.00	
Abated	64.00	
Outstanding 12-31-59	28.00	
	1,890.00	1,890.00

Personal Taxes

1956		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959		96.60
Paid after abatement		12.60

Collected	12.60	
Abated	96.60	
	109.20	109.20
1957		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959		23.76
Collected	23.76	
	23.76	23.76
1958		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959		1,013.67
Collected	880.21	
Outstanding 12-31-59	133.46	
	1,013.67	1,013.67
1959		
Assessors Warrant		27,417.86
Assessors Warrant (additional)		356.46
Refunds		3.90
Collected	26,418.99	
Abated	392.75	
Outstanding 12-31-59	966.48	
	27,778.22	27,778.22

Real Estate Taxes

1957		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959		916.16
Collected	910.00	
Abated	6.16	
	916.16	916.16
1958		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959		40,596.13
Assessors Warrant (additional)		237.30
Refunds		484.62

Collected	37,799.34	
Abated	916.65	
Outstanding 12-31-59	2,602.06	
	41,318.05	41,318.05
1959		
Assessors Warrant		242,603.20
Assessors Warrant (omitted)		99.45
Assesssors Warrant (added)		62.40
Assessors Warrant (reassessments)		516.75
Refunds		534.14
Collected	218,141.11	
Tax Title (sub)	54.60	
Abated	4,564.95	
Outstanding 12-31-59	21,055.28	
	243,815.94	243,815.94

Motor Vehicle Excise

1956		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959		8.17
Abated	8.17	
	8.17	8.17
1957		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959		100.04
Paid after abatement		8.57
Refunds		.21
Collected	35.75	
Abated	73.07	
	108.82	108.82
1958		
Outstanding, Jan. 1, 1959		3,065.09
Assessors Warrant		1,711.76
Refunds		311.88

Paid after abatement		24.10
Collected	3,740.00	
Abated	1,097.93	
Outstanding 12-31-59	274.90	
	5,112.83	5,112.83
1959		
Assessors Warrants		44,496.03
Refunds		2,416.60
Collected	35,559.22	
Abated	4,159.65	
Outstanding 12-31-59	7,193.76	
	46,912.63	46,912.63

Farm Animal Excise

1958		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959		52.88
Collected	52.88	
	52.88	52.88
1959		
Assessors Warrants		707.24
Collected	653.45	
Outstanding 12-31-59	53.79	
	707.24	707.24

Water Liens

1958		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959		60.60
Collected	60.60	
	60.60	60.60
1959		
Assessors Warrants		20.37

Outstanding 12-31-59	20.37	
	20.37	20.37

Betterment Taxes

1959			
Assessors Warrant	Water		3,289.81
Assessors Warrant	Sewer		2,049.30
Collected	Water	223.00	
Collected	Sewer	414.00	
Abated	Water	555.27	
Outstanding 12-31-59		4,146.84	
		5,339.11	5,339.11

Sewer Charges

1957		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959		45.00
Collected	45.00	
	45.00	45.00
1958		
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1959		95.73
Collected	50.73	
Outstanding	45.00	
	95.73	95.73
1959		
Commissioners Warrant		4,465.00
Collected	4,295.00	
Abated	40.00	
Outstanding	130.00	
	4,465.00	4,465.00

Fees and Interest Collected During 1959

Year	Fees	Interest	Totals
1956	.85	1.03	1.88
1957	13.95	58.89	72.84
1958	487.55	561.14	1,048.69
1959	348.35	107.30	455.65
	$850.70	$728.36	$1,579.06

Paid to the Town of Belchertown (No fees for Collector) $1,579.06

OUTSTANDING TOTALS, DECEMBER 31, 1959

Poll Taxes, 1958, 1959	32.00
Personal Property Taxes, 1958, 1959	1,099.94
Real Estate Taxes, 1958, 1959	23,657.34
Motor Vehicle Excises, 1958, 1959	7,468.66
Farm Animal Excises, 1959	53.79
Water Liens, 1959	20.37
Betterment Taxes, (Water and Sewers) 1959	4,146.84
Sewer Charges, 1958, 1959	175.00
	$36,653.94

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

Report of Town Treasurer

Dr.

Cash in Treasury, January 1, 1959	$442,473.80	
Receipts, 1-1-59 to 12-31-59	758,640.64	$901,114.44

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Warrants of Selectmen and Accountant	$749,956.37	
Cash in Treasury, December 31, 1959	151,158.07	$901,114.44

Other Town Funds in Savings Bank

War Memorial Fund	$5,540.32	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	105.09	$5,645.41

Trust Funds in Care of Town Treasurer

Geo. D. Longley Music Fund	2,540.97	
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	8,866.04	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	541.71	
Whiting Street Fund	10,052.21	
Willard A. Stebbins Fund	1,495.19	
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,074.25	
Nellie E. Brown Mt. Hope Cemetery Fund	1,057.31	
Cemeteries, Perpetual Care Fund	30,278.68	$58,906.36

During the year, the town treasurer borrowed to meet current obligations as follows:

Note No. 213 in amount of	$50,000	Discount	$504.90
Note No. 214 in amount of	50,000	Discount	510.08
Totals	$100,000	Discount	$1,014.98

Income from investments (Excluding Trusts)	$1,338.68

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Town Treasurer

Report of Tree Warden

AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Selectmen of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.

I hereby submit my annual report as the Belchertown Tree Warden.

During the year I did much trimming of low limbs and dead wood, removed many dead and dangerous trees, and sprayed elm trees twice, once with 6% D. D. T., and again with 9% D. D. T., by mist blower.

There were many bad storms which caused considerable damage to otherwise healthy trees.

Sixty elm trees were condemned and removed for having Dutch Elm Disease.

I am President of the Western Masssachusetts Tree Wardens and Moth Superintendents Association. I am also a member of the Massachusetts State Tree Wardens Association.

I am starting a tree planting program this spring. Anyone wanting a tree should contact me about same.

Respectfully submitted,
ALBERT W. BROWN
Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

Report of Planning Board

The Planning Board met on a monthly basis in 1959 to discuss problems associated with the present and future growth of our town. Two subdivisions have been tentatively approved during the year. Final approval of both plans is subject to posting required performance bonds. The single most important project undertaken in 1959 was the complete revision of the subdivision and zoning laws to bring them up to date with respect to recent legislation. This project also includes the preparation of a town map which will include such items as water and sewer mains, and areas of questionable utility for housing due to swampy conditions. This map will be of value to several branches of our local government. Mr. Bacon of Amherst has been retained as a professional consultant to assist in this project.

The Board would like to repeat and reemphasize the desirability of action on two recommendations set forth in the 1958 report. Namely, the purchase of land by the town to allow for future growth of town facilities. The purchase or taking by eminent domain of desirable land within the water and sewer districts for this purpose while such land is still available, should result in substantial savings to the town in the future. The second item is similar to the above and involves the purchase of low-value land for the purpose of a town forest and recreation area. The value of such a facility cannot be underestimated from the standpoint of benefit to the citizens of Belchertown. Such activities as Scouting, etc., would benefit greatly from such action.

Any suggestions, comments or problems associated with local planning will be greatly appreciated by the Board.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE JACKSON
HENRY RENOUF
MILTON LOCKE
RICHARD DICKINSON
WILLIAM ALDRICH

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested and sealed January 1, 1959—December 31, 1959:

Platform Scales over 10,000 lbs.	1
Platform Scales under 5,000 lbs.	12
Scales and Balances under 100 lbs.	20
Weights	31
Farm Milk Tanks	3
Gasoline Pumps	19
Grease Pumps	1

I have collected and turned over to the Town Treasurer fees amounting to $57.35.

RAYMOND C. GAY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Chief of Police

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department of the town of Belchertown for 1959:

Assault and Battery	4
Assault Indecent	1
Breaking, Entering and Larceny	2
Drunkenness	9
Fish and Game Laws	19
Vagrancy	1
Statutory Rape	2
Driving under the Influence	3
Violation of Auto Laws	37
Disturbing the Peace	2
Neglect of Minor Children and Wife	2
Lord's Day Violation	1
Selling Alcoholic Beverage on Sunday	1
Using Motor Vehicle without Authority	1
Malicious Destruction of Property	2
Adultery	1
Carnal Knowledge of an Idiot	1
Open and Gross Lewdness	1
Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor	2
Fornication	3
Driving to Endanger	1

Juvenile Cases in Court	12
Total	108

The Police Ambulance has made 30 trips to different Hospitals in our vicinity, covering a total of 992 miles for the year. I wish to thank all those who have assisted with this service.

Our Department has answered numerous complaints, also received and delivered Emergency messages to people having no telephones. We have covered 69 accidents and have served 75 summonses and have had 570 motor vehicle transfers come into this Department.

Next and of great importance is the SPECIAL POLICE. They have put in a great many hours for NO pay. They have gone on patrol with the Regular Police and have often assisted me on complaints and accidents that have come in during the daytime when a regular officer was not available. My sincere THANKS to ALL of Them.

Thanks to the Townspeople who have cooperated with this Department during the year.

Respectfully submitted.
ERNEST M. GAY,
Chief of Police

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Board of Selectmen
Town of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen,

The fire department answered the following calls during the year 1959:

20	Building Fires
32	Forest and Grass Fires
7	Automobile Fires
2	False Alarms
1	Ambulance Call

The estimated damage to buildings was $23,250.00 and estimated damage to contents was $9,050.00. Losses ran particularly high in several buildings where fire had made considerable progress before being detected, due to the fact that these buildings were unoccupied at the time of the fire.

The new tanker-pumper truck, delivered in August, has already proved invaluable in saving property outside the hydrant district.

Our high-light of the year was the successful completion by some twenty-one men of the state sponsored ten-week fire course.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS E. FULLER
Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners held a meeting shortly after assuming office and several times during the year.

All cemeteries were mowed and raked for Memorial Day; in addition, Mt. Hope was mowed and raked eight (8) times, and the other cemeteries four or five (4 or 5) times during the year. The tool shed roof was repaired. Gates and ironwork at Mt. Hope and South cemeteries were aluminum-bronzed.

We purchased some much-needed equipment, some new, some used. We found that the home-type mowers were inadequate for the job, and would not stand up under steady use, necessitating much servicing and minor repairs.

We contracted for the use of an industrial (heavy duty) mower when our smaller mowers began to falter, and found the work could be done faster and more economically by the larger machine, and we recommend that a machine of this type be purchased.

Much work needs to be done in all cemeteries. The old section of South Cemetery should be roto-tilled and re-seeded. Liberty Cemetery should also be re-seeded and the stone wall repaired.

Locating lots has been a major problem and will bcome a serious problem in the future unless a map or blue-print is worked out. We started to work on this, but due to insufficient funds we had to discontinue the project. At present we must rely on the memory of several "senior" citizens in order to locate many of the lots.

An increase in the rate of pay for laborers in the cemetery is almost a necessity as it is becoming increasingly difficult to hire workers at $1.25 per hour. We recommend a rate of $1.50 per hour.

Other matters needing consideration: a new vault—a lowering device—headstones that are sunken or broken—etc., etc. We realize these matters must wait their turn and cannot be taken care of in one year, but felt they should be mentioned in our report.

HARVEY A. LINCOURT
ELWYN H. BOCK
LINCOLN A. COOK
Cemetery Commissioners

Report of Sewer Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Town of Belchertown,

We respectfully submit the following report pertaining to the Sewer Department.

During the fiscal year 1959 we were fortunate in that no major problems were encountered in the maintenance of the sewer system.

There were 11 new services added to the sewage collection system, making an overall total of 222 services.

This year it was necessary to clear the brush from the sewer right of way on the east side of town.

Since the sewer and water departments' functions and activities are closely related, it was decided to hold combined monthly meetings but still maintain separate records and reports.

MILTON C. BAGGS
D. DONALD HAZEN
HELEN L. PAPP
Board of Sewer Commissioners

Report of Civil Defense Director

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

One needs only to read the daily newspaper to realize the need for a strong and continuing Civil Defense program. It was with this realization that I accepted the appointment as Director of Civil Defense in Belchertown, succeeding John V. Nelson, who felt that he could not continue as Director.

The State and Federal practice alerts in March, taking place at the start of my term of office, gave me not only a good idea of the C. D. program, but also pointed out some of the weak spots here in our Belchertown C. D. program.

A severe blow was dealt to C. D. on July 1 with the closing of sector and area offices within the state, but contrary to the many rumors that Civil Defense was discontinued, Belchertown, like other towns, continued a Civil Defense program.

On September 1 the area offices were reopened, the one in Leeds serving Belchertown, thus today we have only the sector office closed, which thus far, with some inconvenience, we have carried on without.

We have throughout the year carried on a very good communications training program through our sector radio network, personnel meeting Monday nights at C. D. headquarters in the Library.

During the year we have made two trips to the Massachusetts surplus center, acquiring for Belchertown $3,212.71 worth of materials for only $174.89.

It is expected that a C. D. plan of survival, as required in conjunction with public laws 606 (Federal Aid) will soon be completed and will assure the people of Belchertown the best chance of survival, when or if disaster should strike.

Respectfully submitted,
ALFRED P. ATWOOD
Civil Defense Director

Report of Building Inspector

In 1959 there were 91 permits issued:

36	on new homes with a valuation of	$332,900.00
11	on garages with a valuation of	13,325.00
16	on additions with a valuation of	23,000.00
17	on repairs and remodeling	21,200.00
8	on tool shed and milk rooms	8,550.00
2	on summer camps	7,500.00
1	on Motel	20,000.00
91	Permits issued — Total valuation	$426,475.00

In 1958, there were 67 permits with a valuation of $356,375.00.

ERNEST DUCHARME, *Building Inspector*

Report of Summer Recreation Committee

Our Summer Recreation Program in 1959 was a busy one. A full schedule of softball, baseball and Peewee baseball kept Parsons Field a very busy spot almost every night.

It is only fitting that a report of this nature give thanks to the many people who have made our program such a success. Thanks to Mr. Ed Blaine for the fine work with the Peewee Ball Team; to Bill Young, Jr., Dave Hodgen, Richard Knight, Michael Horr, Elwyn Bock, and others who helped to keep this field in the pink of condition. We also wish to thank Mr. Tolpa for the many loads of loam he has given us for the field.

We offered the annual summer Swimming Program beginning July 14th and ending August 20th. The program was eagerly accepted with 160 children enrolling for instruction. Also, the average attendance was 111 as compared to the 62 of last year. This is a marked increase over last year and shows that the town is making great advancement in its swimming program.

The classes were conducted at Lake Arcadia under the direction of William Maxwell, a Physical Education Major at the University of Massachusetts. Assisting him were Judy Dana and Sue Skinner, both of whom volunteered their help and did a wonderful job. Our thanks to Mr. Maxwell and his able assistants and to the Civic League for its co-operation.

We purchased some new equipment for the swimming classes, made provision for the policing of the beach afternoons and Sundays, put up signs reserving the beach for Belchertown residents and their guests, and improved the sanitary facilities at the beach.

Much credit is due Mr. Willard Young, Sr., for work done at the beach and at Parsons Field.

We have been troubled with quite a bit of vandalism at the beach: rocks thrown through the new signs; doors ripped off the new toilets; broken bottles thrown in the water, etc. We had no funds to cover 24-hour police protection. Since the beach is for all of us, please help your *1960* committee to keep it safe and attractive.

MRS. JOHN FLAHERTY
RAYMOND C. GAY
WILLARD H. YOUNG, SR.
Summer Recreation Committee

Report of Dog Officer

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Dog Officer for the town of Belchertown:

I collected taxes on 106 dogs:

70 Males	$140.00
20 Females	100.00
16 Spayed	32.00
4 Kennels	40.00
Total	$312.00

Picked up 57 stray dogs and destroyed same.
Picked up 10 dogs hit by cars.
Made 10 calls to homes for investigations.

Respectfully submitted,

WALLACE F. CHEVALIER
Dog Officer

Report of Veterans Services

Board of Selectmen
Belchertown, Mass.

Appointed by the Selectmen in February, 1959, I have found the demands of this office exacting.

Nearly every week has produced a new problem impossible to foresee in preparing a budget, and yet funds must always be on hand to care for the needs of those veterans and their dependents who are eligible for aid. In order to obtain partial refunds from the State, every effort has been made to secure approval of the Office of Veterans' Affairs before making payment. In order to secure their close cooperation, three visits have been made to Boston.

Considerable time has necessarily been given to each claim in order to establish eligibility, and in eight cases claims were disapproved after investigation. In some of these cases assistance was given in obtaining aid from the appropriate source and emergency aid was secured from private sources.

At the close of 1959 five cases are still active.

The following sums have been disbursed during the year:

Ordinary benefits	$2,671.94
Other benefits, such as fuel, medicine, doctors, etc.	1,356.88
Office expense	39.66
	$4,068.48
Received from the State a/c 1958 disbursements	$2,893.97
From the City of Chicopee	30.00
	$2,923.97

Respectfully submitted,
SIDNEY W. WHEELER,
Veterans Agent

Report of Old Town Hall Committee

The Old Town Hall continues to serve as the Indoor Recreation Center for the Community, with constant demand for its facilities.

The School Department uses the Hall for its Physical Education program and Basketball games. Other groups such as the Boy Scouts share the building.

Repairs to the equipment and building were as follows: Replacement of window glass was extensive due to rough-house tactics of which the Committee requested parental assistance. The window sash was re-glazed and re-painted. The floors were re-finished and the rest rooms re-decorated along with the Exit doors. The boiler room came in for a general cleaning.

Projects for 1960 should include the Exterior of the building under a separate article in the Town Warrant. The extension of the present bleachers may now be completed due to the donations of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Hanifin.

Presently the annual budget is a 60-40 ratio, with the School Department on the 60 per cent end. It is recommended that the Committee be presented with a budget to cover 100% of the operation and maintenance costs, thereby reducing bookkeeping procedures.

The Committee wishes to thank the Summer Recreation Committee for the purchase of a large Wall Mat.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD H. YOUNG, SR., *Chairman*
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
HAROLD W. WILLEY

Report of Town Clerk

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS, DURING 1959

Births

Boys	34	One still-birth
Girls	33	None born in Belchertown

Marriages

Marriages recorded	34
Residents of Belchertown	39
Non-resident	29

Men		*Women*	
Oldest	71	Oldest	70
Youngest	17	Youngest	16

Deaths

Males	42	Resident	44
Females	24	Non-resident	22
Males		*Females*	
Oldest	90	Oldest	94
Youngest	1 (month)	Youngest	5

FINANCIAL REPORT

	No. issued	Gross receipts
Copies of Births, Marriages, Deaths	15	$115.00
Marriage licenses	30	60.00
Mortgages, discharges, and releases	201	509.00
Pole orders	12	47.50
Business registrations	3	3.00
Fuel, oil and gas storage	39	19.50

Dog licenses, all classes (Less fees)	582	1,516.25
Sporting licenses, all classes (Less fees)	633	2,247.25
Totals	1,615	$4,517.50
Sporting licenses (net) paid to State	$2,099.00	
Dog licenses (net) paid to County	1,370.75	
Sporting license fees paid to Town	148.25	
Dog license fees paid to Town	145.50	
All other fees, paid to Town	754.00	$4,517.50

Respectfully,

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,
Town Clerk

Minutes of Town Meetings

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES IN WARRANT FOR THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DATED JANUARY 8, 1959

Moderator, Henry Renouf

Meeting called to order at 7.50 P. M.

Art. 1. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,042.80, to pay the Snow Removal bills of 1958. (Vote, unanimous)

Art. 2. Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $713.08 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

Art. 3. Voted to adjourn at 8.05 P. M.

A true copy, Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr., Town Clerk

Special Note—The action taken as above stated was declared invalid. See Article 13 of the Warrant of Feb. 8, 1959.

ACTION TAKEN ON ANNUAL WARRANT OF FEBRUARY 9, 1959

Meeing called to order at 7.30 P. M.

Art. 1. Nominated and elected Mrs. Sophia Pero and Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller as almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman funds, each for one year, and Mr. Lewis H. Blackmer as trustee of the Calvin Bridgman fund for three years.

Art. 2. Voted to accept the reports of the officers and committees of the Town as printed in the town report with the exception of the Finance Committee, the School Needs Committee, the Park and Playground Committee, the Office Space Committee and such other committees as are making a report of progress at this time. And further that all committees not reporting in the town report or verbally at this meeting be discharged.

Reported at this meeting: School Needs Committee, Town History Committee, Three Rivers Road Water Committee.

Art. 3. Voted to give the Clapp Memorial Library $748.07 as the balance of the Dog License fund.

Art. 4. Voted the sum of $7,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways, and that in addition the sum of $28,325.00 be transferred from the unappropriated funds in the Treasury, to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated funds in the Treasury.

Art. 5. Voted the sum of $3,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway construction on Chauncey D. Walker Street (Route 21—Turkey Hill Road). And that in addition the sum of $12,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon their receipt to the unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Art. 6. Voted that the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 maintenance, and that in addition the sum of $5,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the Treasury to meet the State and County shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon receipt to unappropriated available funds in the Treasury.

Art. 7. Voted to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, not exceeding the following rates: Cemetery Commissioners, $1.25 per hour; Sewer Commissioners, $1.50 per hour; Tree Warden, $1.75 per hour.

Art. 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $273.00 and to transfer from available funds the sum of $273.00 to purchase and install one Radio-Transmitter Receiver Unit and accessories for the use of the Belchertown Police.

Art. 9. Voted to transfer from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $861.25 to the Insurance Account.

Art. 10. Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of Selectmen to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year, beginning January 1, 1959, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws. Unanimous.

Art. 11. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $450.00 for the purchase of a Verifax Printing machine.

Art. 12. Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $4,500.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

Art. 13. Voted to validate and confirm the action taken by the Town under Articles 1 and 2 of the warrant for the special town meeting held January 8, 1959, whereby it was voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,042.80 to pay snow removal bills of 1958 and whereby the sum of $713.08 was appropriated by transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account. Unanimous.

Art. 14. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1958:

New England Tel. & Tel. Co.—Assessors	$10.70
Lewis H. Blackmer—Assessors	15.00
Hampshire County Sanatorium—Board of Health	93.00
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.—Civil Defense	8.70
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products—Old Town Hall	43.62
Ernest M. Gay—Police Department	54.16
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products—Police Department	8.20
Herbert E. Squires—Police Department	43.75
Adam Antonovitch—Police Department	18.75
Belchertown Water District—Cemetery Commissioners	12.00

Payable to Sundry Persons—Vocational Ed. (Tuition)	1,058.68
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.—School Department	63.95
Worcester County Electric Co.—School Department	330.89
	$1,761.40

Unanimous

Art. 15. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improvement of the following streets, all public ways:

Railroad Street	$400.00
Shea Avenue	700.00
Boardman Road	900.00
Cold Spring Road	400.00
South Street	900.00
South Washington Street	900.00
Munsell Street	900.00
Total of	$5,100.00

Art. 16. Voted to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of sidewalks on the following streets, all public ways:

Franklin Street	$500.00
North Washington Street	500.00
Jabish Street	500.00
Mill Valley Road	500.00

Art. 17. Voted to adopt as an official town seal a design submitted by Eleanor Bartlett, said seal to be adopted in accordance with Section 47, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, to be retained in the custody of the Town Clerk and to be used by all town officers and boards when making instruments under seal on behalf of the town, and further that the town vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $30.00 for the purchase of same.

Art. 18. Voted to appropriate from the Post War Rehabilitation Fund the sum of $660.00 for the re-wiring of the Old Town Hall, and the sum of $5,704.28 as part payment for a new Fire Truck (Tank Type) Pumper. The purchase of the Fire Truck to be under the provisions of Section 4B, Chapter 40 of the General Laws and Section 8 of the town by-laws. Any action taken hereon is subject to approval of the Emergency Finance Board, prior to any expenditure of funds. Unanimous.

Art. 19. Negative vote.

Art. 20. Voted to authorize the Board of Assessors to be paid for additional work required maintaining the new assessment system at the rate of $2.00 per hour, not to exceed the amount included in the expenses for the Assessors.

Art. 21. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $700.00 in order that the Board of Assessors may hire and obtain a re-appraisal of the personal property holdings of the Electric Service Company and also have a re-appraisal of that portion of other public utilities not under restriction by State law.

Art. 22. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for the salary of the building inspector.

Art. 23. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 for the installation of a drainage system on Cottage Street near the property of Adelyn Stacy.

Art. 24. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds monies for departmental and incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing year, by general classication, as recommended in the Finance Committee report. And further that those sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated be expended only for those purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officer, boards and committees of the Town and further that the sum of $6,000.00 be appropriated for a Reserve Fund, and that to meet said appropriation the sum f $6,000.00 be appropriated from the Overlay Reserve Fund. Unanimous.

	Raised and Appropriated	Available Funds
Moderator, Expense	$25.00	....
Finance Committee, Expense	75.00	....
Selectmen Salaries	1,025.00	....
Expenses	200.00	....

Accountant, Salary	800.00	....
Expenses	75.00	....
Treasurer, Salary	1,600.00	....
Expenses	794.00	....
Clerk, Salary	900.00	....
Expenses	315.00	....
Collector, Salary	2,000.00	....
Expenses	1,002.00	....
Assessors, Salaries	1,300.00	....
Expenses	1,850.00	....
Law, Expenses	500.00	....
Election and Registration	800.00	....
Planning Board, Expenses	150.00	....
Town Hall	900.00	....
Lawrence Memorial Hall	500.00	....
Police, Wages and Expenses	5,400.00	....
Fire, Wages and Expenses	2,975.00	....
Forest Fires	1,700.00	....
Hydrant Service	1,500.00	....
Sealer Weights and Measures	100.00	....
Insp. Wires and Wiring Sal.	300.00	....
Civil Defense, Sal. and Exp.	1,168.00	....
Water Storage Holes (Fire)	300.00	....
Trees	1,200.00	....
Insect Pest Control	600.00	....
Dutch Elm Disease	1,150.00	....
Health, Salaries	350.00	....
Expenses	2,625.00	....
Sewers, Salaries	350.00	....
Expenses	3,185.00	....
Town Dump	350.00	....
Highways, General	1,800.00	....
Bridges	2,500.00	....
Snow Removal	6,000.00	....
Sidewalks	250.00	....
Public Welfare, Salaries	425.00	....

Welfare District	1,606.12	....
General Relief	1,500.00	....
Old Age Assistance	35,000.00	....
Disability Assistance	500.00	....
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00	....
Veterans, Salary	300.00	....
Benefits and Expenses	5,000.00	....
Schools, General Control	11,667.00	....
Instruction	153,371.00	....
Operation	25,365.00	....
Repairs, Replacement	7,150.00	....
Transportation	33,300.00	....
Health	4,895.00	....
Miscellaneous	1,190.00	....
Household Arts	5,975.00	....
Capital Outlay	1,675.00	....
Library	650.00	....
Vocational Education	8,000.00	....
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00	....
Parsons Memorial Field	350.00	....
Town Common	250.00	....
Summer Recreation	350.00	....
Cemeteries	1,500.00	....
Soldiers Graves	200.00	....
Retirement, Town Employees	3,056.98	....
Insurance, all	10,350.00	....
Street Lights	4,200.00	....
Memorial Day Services	200.00	....
Veterans Day Services	60.00	....
Town Clock	100.00	....
Printing of Town Reports	900.00	....
Reserve Fund	....	(Overlay Reserve) 6,000.00
Unclassified (Misc.)	400.00	....
Dept. Mental Health (1-3-59)	6,000.00	....
Veterans' Quarters	400.00	....
Maturing Debt	23,000.00	....

Interest, Debt	7,010.00	....
Temporary Notes	500.00	....

Art. 25. Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of $6,795.72 to be used as part payment on a new fire truck (tank type). Unanimous.

Art. 26. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 to cover the cost of gathering and printing of all by-laws, orders, Board of Health regulations, and all adopted or accepted chapters of the General Laws as voted by the Town in Article 15 at the annual town meeting of February 10, 1958.

Art. 27. Voted to adjourn 9:42 P. M.

A true copy, Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr., Town Clerk

ACTION TAKEN ON ARTICLES OF THE WARRANT CALLED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
DATED JULY 27, 1959

Moderator, Henry Renouf

Meeting called to order at 8:00 P. M., with quorum present.

Art. 1. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $65.00 to improve the lighting in the town office. Unanimous vote.

Art. 2. Voted the sum of $3,550.00 be appropriated from available funds for the premanent construction of Jackson Street, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $3,550.00 be transferred from the proceeds received from the State under provision of Chaper 718 of the Acts of 1956. Unanimous vote.

Art. 3. Voted the sum of $3,405.70 be appropriated from available funds for the permanent construction of Munsell Street, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $3,405.70 be transferred from the proceeds received from the State under provision of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956. Unanimous vote.

Art. 4. Voted to rescind action taken under Article 8, of the annual warrant dated February 9, 1959. Unanimous vote.

Art. 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $273.00 to purchase and install one radio transmitter, receiver unit and accessories for the use of the Belchertown Police, the balance of the cost of this unit to be paid for by the Belchertown Police Association, this unit to remain the sole property of the Town of Belchertown. Vote unanimous.

Art. 6. Voted to adopt the following by-law: The Board of Selectmen shall from to time, establish and publish by posting or publication in a newspaper, rules and regulations for the operation of motor boats on the rivers and inland lakes within the territorial limits of the Town of Belchertown. Unanimous vote.

Art. 7. Voted to transfer the sum of $2,000.00 from the Road Machinery Earnings Account to the Road Machinery Expense Account.

Art. 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $255.00 to have the town clock painted.

Motion made and carried to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 P. M.

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ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
SEPTEMBER 29, 1959

Moderator called meeting to order at 8.00 P. M.

Waived reading of warrant by unanimous vote.

Art. 1. Voted to permit the residents of Warren Wright Road and adjacent areas to purchase water from the Town of Amherst, at no cost to the Town of Belchertown. Vote, unanimous.

Art. 2. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to sell a piece of property at the town gravel pit on Federal Street. This property to consist of a lot approximately 100 x 200 feet. Vote, unanimous.

Art. 3. Voted to amend the zoning by-laws by adding to the business zone an area with a frontage on Jackson Street of approximately 165 feet and a depth of approximately 200 feet, this property presently owned by Richard O. Kimball. Vote, unanimous.

Art. 4. Voted to amend the zoning by-laws by adding to the business zone an area with a frontage on Sears Road of approximately 230 feet and frontage on Franklin Street of approximately 400 feet, this property presently owned by Joseph N. Boudreau. Vote, unanimous.

Art. 5. Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of $9,500.00 for the permanent construction of Jackson Street, $7,000.00 to be reimbursed by the State and $2,500.00 to be reimbursed by the County. Vote, unanimous.

Art. 6. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 for snow removal. Vote unanimous.

Art. 7. Voted to establish the number of constables for Belchertown as six (6), and the term of office for constables at three (3) years, as provided in the General Laws, Section 1 of Chapter 41. Constables to be elected at the next town election as follows:

Two (2) for a term of three (3) years
Two (2) for a term of two (2) years
Two (2) for a term of one (1) year

Each year thereafter two (2) to be elected for a term of three (3) years. Vote 21 yes, 13 no.

Art. 8. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $250.00 to provide suitable drainage on Kimball Street. Vote, unanimous.

Art. 9. Voted the sum of $2,465.98 to be appropriated from available funds for the permanent construction of South Washington Street, and to meet said appropriation the sum of $2,465.98 be transferred from the proceeds received from the State under provision of Chapter 718, Acts of 1956. Vote, unanimous.

Move to adjourn, carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8.22 P. M.

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ACTION TAKEN ON ARTICLES OF THE WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING OF NOVEMBER 23, 1959

Meeting opened at 7.36 P. M.
Moderator, Henry Renouf

Art. 1. Voted to authorize and direct the Selectmen to appoint a committee of three citizens to join with a committee of three members from Post 239, American Legion, to obtain plans and estimated costs for the establishment of a permanent War Memorial to the veterans of Belchertown. Said committee to report its findings and make recommendations to the annual town meeting in 1960.. Unanimous vote.

Art. 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,350.00 to cover additional expenses in the school department's vocational education account. Unanimous vote.

Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to cover emergency repairs necessitated by recent rains. Unanimous vote.

Art. 4. Voted that action on this article be carried over to the annual town meeting. Vote unanimous.

Art. 5. Voted to adjourn. Unanimous vote.

Adjourned at 7.47 P. M.

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RESULT OF THE BALLOT
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING, FEBRUARY 2, 1959

Moderator for 1 year—Vote for One			
Henry Renouf, Democrat	775	150	925
Isaac A. Hodgen	1		1
Town Clerk for 1 Year—Vote for One			
Robert D. Camp, Sr., Republican	896	151	1047
Selectman for 3 years—Vote for One			
Raymond C. Gay, Rep., Nom. Papers	382	74	456
Wilfrid L. Noel, Democrat	281	68	349
Walter Tolpa, Jr., Ind., Rep. Caucus	356	56	412
Collector of Taxes and Town Collector for 3 years—Vote for One			
Robert D. Camp, Sr., Republican	889	153	1042
School Committee for 3 years—Vote for One			
Phillis W. Flaherty, Democrat	538	130	668
George B. Jackson, Republican	461	55	516

Assessor for 3 years—Vote for One			
Romeo J. Joyal, Ind., Dem. Caucus	593	129	722
David H. White, Ind., Rep. Caucus	396	37	433
Tree Warden for 1 year—Vote for One			
Albert W. Brown, Ind., Rep. Caucus	897	162	1059
Board of Health for 3 years—Vote for One			
Frances P. Smola, Democratic	460	147	607
Ruthella M. Tucker, Republican	546	43	589
Sewer Commissioner for 3 years—Vote for One			
D. Donald Hazen, Republican	639	68	707
Paul E. Choquette, Democrat	349	110	459
Planning Board for 5 years—Vote for One			
William E. Aldrich, Ind., Rep. Caucus	608	60	668
Harold E. Mellin, Jr., Democrat	377	101	478
Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years—Vote for One			
Charles F. Austin, Republican	388	78	466
Harvey A. Lincourt, Democrat	412	78	490
William J. Chevalier, Rep., Nom. Papers	200	20	220
Cemetery Commissioner for 1 year—Vote for One			
Elwyn H. Bock, Republican	569	54	623
John F. Traynor, Democrat	316	109	425
Arthur J. Gagne, Sr., Ind., Nom. Papers	104	13	117
Constables for 1 year—Vote for Five			
Adam L. Antonovitch, Ind., Rep. Caucus	513	135	648
Ernest M. Gay, Ind., Rep. Caucus	608	70	678
Frank P. Loftus, Democrat	519	110	629
Andrew T. Sears, Ind., Rep. Caucus	565	75	640
Herbert E. Squires, Republican	607	68	675
Alfred P. Atwood, Republican	370	37	407
James B. Baker, Democrat	352	53	405
Edward Czech, Democrat	225	129	354
Francis E. Goodrow, Democrat	221	43	264
Robert G. Anderson, Rep., Nom. Papers	315	25	340
Chester F. Dzwonkowski, Democrat	274	58	332
Morris D. Blaine	1		1
Total registered voters			1,869
Votes cast at Precinctt A.			1,036
Votes cast at Precinct B.			210
Total vote			1,246

Total registered-voters, 10:00 P. M., January 13, 1959

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Men	793	156	949
Women	775	145	920
	1,568	301	1,869

REGISTERED REPUBLICANS

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Men	253	16	269
Women	227	16	243
	480	32	512

REGISTERED DEMOCRATS

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Men	101	47	148
Women	80	46	126
	181	93	274

TOTAL VOTERS—September 4, 1959

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Men	795	157	952
Women	783	146	929
	1,578	303	1,881

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Report of Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1959

ASSETS		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
Cash	$151,158.07	State and County Assessments:	
Accounts Receivable:		State Recreation Areas	$171.92
Taxes:		County Tax	2,443.98
Current Year	22,049.76	Payroll Deductions:	
Previous Years	2,739.52	State Withholding Taxes	336.30
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		State Withholding Employer's Compensation	23.46
Current Year	7,193.76	Agency:	
Previous Years	274.90	Sporting Licenses	356.50
Farm Animal Excise:		Impounding and Sale of Cattle	312.00
Current Year	53.79	Insurance Reserve	884.02
Special Assessments:		Tailings (unclaimed checks)	109.55
Sewer Rentals Current Year	130.00	Trust Fund Income:	
Sewer Rentals Previous Years	45.00	Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund	161.47
Miscellaneous Connections	8.00	Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund, Income	840.00
Special Assesssments, Chadbourne Layout	1,635.30	Cemetery Perpetual Care, Income	45.51
Tax Titles and Tax Possessions:		Old Age Recoveries	60.00
Tax Titles	349.48	Federal Grants:	
Tax Possessions	382.40	Disability Assistance, Administration	68.96
Departmental:		Disability Assistance, Aid	90.90
Old Age Assistance	364.43	Aid to Dependent Children, Administration	9.01

Aid to Dependent Children	47.74	Aid to Dependent Children, Aid	300.88
Aid to Highways:		Old Age Assistance, Administration	372.27
State	33,020.54	Old Age Assistance, Aid	2,109.27
County	9,501.37	Revolving Funds:	
Revenue of 1960	8,193.00	School Lunch	75.90
Dog Officer, due from County	50.00	High School Athletic Fund	70.93
Overdrawn Account:		Public Law 874	2,222.75
Old Age Assistance, Town Approp.	174.75	Public Law 85 - 864	327.98
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	10.23	Sale of Real Estate	1,616.83
Group Life Insurance	1.36	Sale of Cemetery Lots	385.00
		Road Machinery Earnings	7,654.03
		Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	7,166.47
		Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
		Levy of 1958	2,739.52
		Levy of 1959	7,438.52
		Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
		Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	7,468.66
		Farm Animal Excise	53.79
		Special Assessments	1,818.30
		Tax Titles and Tax Possessions	731.88
		Aid to Highways	42,521.91
		Departmental	412.17
		Surplus Revenue	135,091.91
		Appropriation Balances Carried Forward	10,890.85
	$237,383.40		$237,383.40

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:	
Inside the Debt Limit:		Inside the Debt Limit:	
General	138,000.00	Sewer Loan of 1949	25,000.00
Outside the Debt Limit	143,000.00	Sewer Loan of 1952	1,000.00
		School Building Loan of 1952	112,000.00
		Outside the Debt Limit:	
		School Building Loan of 1952	143,000.00
	$281,000.00		$281,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Trust and Investment Funds:		In Custody of Treasurer:	
Cash and Securities in Custody of Treasurer	68,051.77	Susan M. D. Bridgman Fund	3,500.00
		Whiting Street Poor Fund	10,052.21
		George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,540.97
		Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	8,866.04
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,074.25
		Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fund	1,495.19
		Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	541.71
		Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,057.31
		Cemetery Perpetual Care	30,278.68
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund	105.09
		War Memorial Fund	5,540.32
	$68,051.77		$68,051.77

APPROPRIATION BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1959

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Moderator, Expense	$25.00			$25.00
Selectmen, Salaries	1,025.00		1,025.00	
Selectmen, Expense	200.00	T 150.00	349.40	.60
Town Accountant, Salary	800.00		800.00	
Town Accountant, Expense	75.00	T 20.00	66.98	28.02
Treasurer, Salary	1,600.00		1,600.00	
Treasurer, Expense	794.00	T 80.00	873.36	.64
Tax Collector, Salary	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Tax Collector, Expense	1,002.00	T&R 99.60	1,101.02	.58
Assessors, Salaries	1,300.00		1,300.00	
Assessors, Expense	1,850.00		1,836.91	13.09
Re-appraisal of Personal Prop.	700.00		350.00	350.00
Finance Committee, Expense	75.00		47.50	27.50
Town Clerk, Salary	900.00		900.00	
Town Clerk, Expense	315.00	R 1.00	314.81	1.19
Town Clerk, New File Acct.	103.55		102.20	1.35
Law	500.00	T 235.00	657.00	78.00
Elections and Registrations	800.00	T 80.00	871.48	8.52
Planning Board	150.00	C 1,024.83	49.27	1,125.56
Old Town Hall	900.00	T 10.00	908.88	1.12
Rewiring Old Town Hall	660.00		660.00	
New Light in Town Office	65.00		65.00	
Lawrence Memorial Hall	500.00	T&R 40.40	531.01	9.39
Police Department	5,400.00	T 53.67	5,452.86	.81
Police Receiver-Sender Set	273.00		273.00	
Fire Department	2,975.00		2,975.00	
Art. 25, New Fire Truck	12,500.00		12,500.00	
Hydrant Service	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Cleaning & Rep. Water Holes	300.00	C 639.19		939.19
Insect Pest Control	600.00		598.17	1.30
Dutch Elm Disease	1,150.00	T 350.00	1,495.95	4.05
Tree Warden	1,200.00	T 80.00	1,277.55	2.45
Forest Fire Account	1,700.00		1,685.36	14.64
Building Inspector, Salary	300.00		300.00	
Wire Inspector, Salary	300.00		300.00	
Sealer Weights and Measures	100.00		100.00	
Civilian Defense	1,168.00		648.93	519.07
Board of Health, Salaries	350.00		350.00	

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Board of Health, Expense	2,625.00		2,249.38	375.62
Care of Town Dump	350.00	T 40.00	385.00	5.00
Sewer Commissioners, Salaries	350.00		350.00	
Sewer Maintenance, Exp.	3,185.00		2,569.90	615.10
⅓ Cost of New Filter Beds	6,000.00		6,000.00	
Highways—Chapter 81	36,325.00	T 1,000.00	37,320.42	4.58
Highways—Ch. 90 Const.	15,000.00		10,604.77	4,395.23
Highways—Chap. 90 M	3,000.00	T .01	3,000.01	
Hwys—Ch. 718, Munsell St.	3,405.70		3,404.83	.87
Hwys—Ch. 718, So. Wash.	2,465.98		2,465.64	.34
Hwys—Jackson St. Const.	13,050.00	R 27.31	11,041.79	2,035.52
Highways—Streets	1,800.00		1,799.78	.22
Highways—Railroad St.	400.00		399.92	.08
Highways—Shea Ave.	700.00		700.00	
Highways—Boardman Rd.	900.00		900.00	
Highways—Cold Spring Rd.	400.00		400.00	
Highways—South St.	900.00		900.00	
Highways—So. Wash. St.	900.00		899.90	.10
Highways—Munsell St.	900.00	T 387.90	1,287.90	
Highways—Bridges	2,500.00		2,447.71	52.29
Highways—Sidewalks	250.00		236.70	13.30
Hwys—Franklin St. Si'walk	1,000.00			1,000.00
Hwys—M. Valley Rd. Si'walk	500.00	C 500.00	997.15	2.85
Hwys—No. Wash. St. Si'walk	500.00			500.00
Hwys—Jabish St. Sidewalk	500.00			500.00
Highways—Snow Removal	6,000.00	** 3,000.00	8,979.30	20.70
Hwys—Snow Removal 1958	1,042.80		1,042.80	
Purchase of 2 Snow Plows		C 523.06	511.13	11.93
Road Mach. Expense 1959	4,500.00	** 2,277.48 R	6,340.71	436.77
Road Mach. Expense 1958	713.08		610.94	102.14
Street Lighting	4,200.00		4,099.08	100.92
Drainage near Adelyn Stacy's	500.00		500.00	
Drainage, Kimball St.	250.00		243.40	6.60
Bel.-Granby Welfare Dist.	1,606.12		1,606.12	
Public Welfare, Salaries	425.00		425.00	
Public Welfare, Gen. Relief	1,500.00		1,018.36	481.64
Veterans' Agent, Salary	300.00		300.00	
Veterans' Aid, Expense	5,000.00		4,068.48	931.52
Old Age Assistance, Town	35,000.00	R 175.15	35,349.90	D 174.75
Aid to Dependent Children	1,000.00		643.85	356.15

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Disability Assistance	500.00		299.50	200.50
School Dept., General Cont.	11,667.00		11,616.75	50.25
School Dept., Instruction	153,371.00	R-T 1,100.00	154,389.86	81.14
School Dept., Operation	25,365.00	R 62.30	25,313.92	113.38
School Dept., Rep. & Repl.	7,150.00		7,150.00	
School Dept., Trans'tation	33,300.00	T 165.00	33,443.87	21.13
School Dept., Miscellaneous	1,190.00		989.67	200.33
School Dept., Capital Outlay	1,675.00		1,565.85	109.15
School Dept., Health	4,895.00		4,725.17	169.83
School Dept., Hou'hold Arts	5,975.00		5,897.08	77.92
School Dept., Library	650.00		594.83	55.17
Vocational Education	8,000.00	** 3,350.00	10,653.76	696.24
Regional School Planning Bd.		C 219.60		219.60
Clapp Memorial Library	700.00	** 772.59	1,472.59	
Parsons Field	350.00		340.20	9.80
Town Common	250.00		190.76	59.24
Summer Recreation	350.00		320.68	29.32
Unclassified	400.00		246.71	153.29
Memorial Day Services	200.00		195.84	4.16
Veterans' Day	60.00		53.00	7.00
Veterans' Quarters	400.00		102.49	297.51
Veterans' Graves	200.00		200.00	
Unpaid bills of 1958	1,761.40		1,761.40	
Insurance	7,845.42	R 3,161.13	8,369.14	2,637.41
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	2,470.93	T 220.99	2,691.92	
Group Life Insurance	894.90		809.20	85.70
Hampshire Co. Retirement	3,056.98		3,056.98	
Care of Town Clock	100.00		100.00	
Painting Town Clock	255.00		255.00	
Printing Town Reports	900.00	T 92.00	992.00	
Purchase of Verifax Machine	450.00		450.00	
Printing of Town By-laws	300.00		292.04	7.96
Const. Additional Vot. Booths	175.00		173.35	1.65
Town History		C 191.00	15.25	175.75
Reserve Fund	6,000.00		3,966.13	2,033.87
Cemeteries	1,500.00	T 925.00**	2,330.67	94.33
Interest	7,510.00	T 59.46	7,569.46	
Maturing Debt	23,000.00		23,000.00	

T—Transfers R—Refunds C—Carryover D—Deficit **—Additional
*State and County Allotments

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Authorized by the Finance Committee

From Reserve Fund to:

Elections and Registrations	$80.00	
Printing of Town Reports	92.00	
Interest Account	59.46	
Cemeteries	150.00	
Dutch Elm	350.00	
Selectmen's Expense	150.00	
Town Accountant's Expense	20.00	
Highways—Chapt. 90 M	.01	
Highways—Chapt. 81	1,000.00	
Treasurer's Expense	80.00	
Tax Collector's Expense	90.00	
Care of Town Dump	40.00	
Tree Warden	80.00	
Memorial Hall	40.00	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	220.99	
School Dept., Instruction	1,050.00	
School Dept., Transportation	165.00	
Law	235.00	
Old Town Hall	10.00	
Police Dept.	53.67	
		$3,966.13

I certify, that as Town Accountant, I have examined the Cash Accounts of the Town Treasurer, Robert D. Camp, Sr., and have found balances sufficient to cover said accounts in cash and in bank deposits.

FANNY G. MOREY,
Town Accountant

January 12, 1960

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, S. S.

Personally appeared before me, Fanny G. Morey, Town Accountant, and made oath that the above statement by her subscribed is true.

Louis E. Fuller, Notary Public

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

December 31, 1959

SEWER CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1949 $25,000.00

Serial notes bearing interest at the rate of 2½% per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 20 years from date of issue and $1,000.00 annually for 5 years thereafter.

Amount payable in 1960 $2,000.00

SEWER CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1952 1,000.00

Serial notes bearing interest at the rate of 2½% per annum and maturing $1,000.00 annually for 8 years from date of issue.

Amount payable in 1960 1,000.00

SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN OF 1951 143,000.00

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.1% dated August 1, 1952 and payable annually $12,000.00 for 5 years and $11,000.00 annually for 15 years.

Amount payable in 1960 11,000.00

SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN OF 1952 112,000.00

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.1% dated August 1, 1952, payable $9,000.00 annually for 15 years and $8,000.00 annually for 5 years.

Amount payable in 1960 9,000.00

FANNY G. MOREY,
Town Accountant

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE:		
Taxes, Robert D. Camp, Sr., Collector		
Levy of 1959		
Real Estate	218,141.11	
Personal Property	26,418.99	
Poll Tax	1,798.00	246,358.10
Levy of 1958		
Real Estate	37,799.34	
Personal	880.21	
Poll	4.00	38,683.55
Levy of 1957		
Real Estate	910.00	
Personal	23.76	933.76
Levy of 1956		
Personal	12.60	12.60
Tax Title Redemption		38.35
Lieu of Taxes		1243.72
Loss of Taxes		4354.43
Income		38,253.80
Corporation (Business, Franchise)		9,939.73
Licenses & Permits:		
Licenses		
Alcoholic Beverage		2,435.00
All Other		226.50
Permits		
Marriage		60.00
All Other		694.00

Fines & Forfeits:		
Court Fines		75.50
Water Liens		60.60
Grants & Gifts		
Federal Government		
O.A.A.	20,342.64	
A.D.C.	1,004.50	
D.A.	468.00	
D.A. Admin.	13.18	21,828.32
Grants from State		
O.A.A. (Meals Tax)	1,732.90	
Vocational Ed.	5,351.09	
School Bldg. Aid	11,013.63	
School Aid Chapt. 70 Transport	28,678.93	
O.A.A.	21,271.38	
A.D.C.	678.25	
D.A.	112.58	
State W. H. Emplayers' Comp.	23.46	68,862.22
Grants From County		
Dog Fund		748.07
All other General Revenue		
Sale of Tax Possessions		803.15

COMMERCIAL REVENUE

Spec. Assessments:		
Sewer Rentals of 1959	4,295.00	
Sewer Rentals of 1958	50.73	
Sewer Rentals of 1957	45.00	
Sewer Assess.—Chadbourne layout	414.00	
Water Assess.—Chadbourne layout	223.00	
Miscellaneous Sewer Connections	71.00	5,098.73
Privileges		
M. V. & Trailer Excise Levy of 1959	35,559.22	
M. V. & Trailer Excise Levy of 1958	3,740.00	
M. V. & Trailer Excise Levy of 1957	35.75	39,334.97
Farm Animal Excise Levy of 1959	653.45	
Farm Animal Excise Levy of 1958	52.88	706.33
Departmental		
General Gov.		
Collector		897.80
Sale of Town Maps		11.70
Rent of Driveway		10.00

Rent of Town Common	200.00
Sale of used Elec. Light Fixture	2.00
Town Clerk	
Dog Licenses	145.50
Sport. Licenses	148.25
To Town Clerk's Account	1.00
Planning Board	40.00
Memorial Hall Account	.40
Memorial Hall Rent	120.00
Old Town Hall for Re-wiring	660.00
Police Dept.	
Pistol Permits	85.00
Refund to Police Receiver-sender Radio	273.00
Fire Dept.	
Permits	105.50
New Fire Truck from Post War Rehabilitation Fund	5,704.28
Inspection	
Building Inspector's Fees	159.00
Wire Inspector's Fees	96.00
Sealer Weights & Measures	57.35
Dog Officer	726.00
Health & Sanitation	
Tuberculosis subsidies from State	521.42
Permits	88.00
Polio fees	535.70
Trailer Court Fees	896.00
Highways	
Reimbursement from State	30,231.14
Reimbursement from County	4,998.65
State Bond Issue	9,421.68
Jackson St. Const. Acct.	27.31
Road Mach. Earnings	10,212.79
Public Welfare	
O.A.A. Checks Returned	74.31
O.A.A. from Cities & Towns	505.03
O.A.A. from Individuals	211.70
Veterans' Services	
From State	2,893.97
From Cities & Towns	30.00

Schools	
Tuition-State Wards	4,522.18
Transport State Wards	1,430.43
Tuition	260.00
H. S. Athletic Fund	544.75
School Lunch Income	30,004.19
School Lunch from State	9,728.66
Public Law 874	6,044.00
Public Law 85-864	1,305.03
Libraries	
From Calvin Bridgman Fund	24.52
Unclassified	
Dept. of Agriculture	150.00
Insurance Claim Settlement	210.25
Refund to Ins. Acct.	3,161.13
Cemeteries	
Sale of Lots	210.00
Perp. Care of Lots	800.00
Care of Endowed Lots (Int. on funds)	775.00
Trust Funds	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Income	420.00
Nellie Brown Cemetery Fund	69.35
Whiting Street Fund	153.71
Walter Pratt Private Trust	135.15
Calvin Bridgman Fund	479.25
Interest	
On Deposits	1,338.68
On Deferred Taxes	738.69
Dividends on Insurance Policies	83.05
Later Lien Interest	.58
Municipal Loans	
Anticipation Revenue Loans	100,000.00
Agency Trust & Investment	
Sporting Licenses for the State	2,099.00
Dog Licenses	1,370.75
Trust	
Retirement Funds	2,482.18
Federal W. H. Taxes	29,929.98
State W. H. Taxes	2,024.18
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	3,000.26
Teachers' Health Insurance	1,573.95
Group Life Ins.	871.76

Insurance Reserve	884.02
Refunds	
On Interest on note	5.00
On Insurance Premium	497.04
On Discount on Temp. Loan paid before due	49.48
On General Relief	12.40
On General Relief Recovery	25.00
County of Hampshire	384.13
	758,640.64
Cash on hand January 1, 1959	142,473.80
	901,114.44

EXPENDITURES
1959

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

SELECTMEN:		
Salaries		1,025.00
Expenses		
Clerical	69.47	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	75.05	
Course at University of Mass.	25.00	
Lawyers Co-Operative	22.50	
Auto Hire	25.00	
Association Meeting Expense	15.00	
Historical Association	25.00	
Massachusetts Assn. Dues	25.00	
County Assn. Dues	6.00	
All Other	29.84	349.40
TOWN ACCOUNTANT		
Salary		800.00
Expenses		
Association Dues	2.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	29.88	
Repairs to Typewriters (2)	31.50	
New Journal	3.60	66.98
AUDITING OF MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTS		1,284.16
TREASURER		
Salary		1,600.00

Expenses		
Printing, Postage & Stationery	241.35	
Clerical	320.83	
Office Supplies	32.41	
Surety Bond	153.60	
Registry of Deeds	34.50	
Mileage to & from Bank and Boston	60.35	
Repairs to Office Typewriter	29.50	
All Others	.82	873.36
TAX COLLECTOR		
Salary		2,000.00
Expenses		
Clerical	270.52	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	535.29	
Surety Bond	246.40	
All other	48.81	1,101.02
ASSESSORS		
Salaries		1,300.00
Expenses		
Association Dues	9.00	
Re-valuation of Property	993.00	
Clerical	177.86	
Telephone	140.61	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	179.87	
Binding Valuation Sheets	65.70	
Auto Hire	91.03	
Registry of Deeds	116.40	
Typewriter Ribbons & Office Supplies	48.01	
All other	15.43	1,836.91
REAPPRAISAL OF PERSONAL PROPERTY		350.00
FINANCE COMMITTEE		
Expenses		
Association Dues	15.00	
Attending Conference	15.00	
Attending Association Meeting	17.50	47.50
LAW		
Morse & Morse, Attorneys	437.00	

All other Attorneys	220.00	657.00
TOWN CLERK		
Salary		900.00
Expenses		
Clerical	91.15	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	148.18	
Securety Bond	7.50	
Association Dues	7.50	
Attending Association Meeting	14.35	
Office Supplies	36.48	
All others	9.65	314.81
TOWN CLERK, FILES FOR OFFICE		102.20
VERIFAX PRINTING MACHINE FOR OFFICE		450.00
ELECTIONS & REGISTRATIONS		
Registrars	81.15	
Elections Officers & Meals	255.99	
Posting Warrants	25.00	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	193.50	
Clerical	75.84	
Street Listing	240.00	871.48
CONSTRUCTION OF ADDITIONAL VOTING BOOTHS		173.35
PLANNING BOARD		
County Dues	5.00	
State Dues	20.00	
Andre & Bowen, Attorneys	20.00	
All other	4.27	49.27
OLD TOWN HALL		
40% paid by Town & 60% by School Dept.		
Expenses		
Janitor	80.00	
Fuel	251.09	
Lights	91.44	
Repairs	486.35	908.88
REWIRING OLD TOWN HALL		
LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL		

Expenses		
Telephone	179.55	
Repairing Front Door	54.20	
Flame Proofing Curtain	38.00	
Lights, July thru Nov.	184.78	
All other	74.48	531.01
INSTALLING NEW LIGHT FIXTURE IN TOWN OFFICE		65.00
POLICE DEPARTMENT		
Association Dues	5.00	
Gas & Oil	521.31	
Office Supplies	107.10	
Telephone	107.75	
Zabek Company	167.24	
Dog Officer	38.36	
Red Cross Manuals	22.60	
Desk Lamp	26.01	
2 License Books	10.00	
All other	80.80	
Ernest M. Gay, Chief, Wages & Mileage	1,104.04	
Ernest M. Gay, Court Expenses	102.90	
All other Constables	1,860.09	
All other Mileage	61.53	
Police for School Traffic	858.75	
All other Special Police	379.38	5,452.86
POLICE RECEIVER-SENDER SET		545.75
FIRE DEPARTMENT		
Chief's Salary	475.00	
Expenses		
Association Dues	5.00	
Zabek Fire Apparatus Co.	1,222.12	
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	316.99	
Worcester County Electric Co.	118.10	
Fuel	262.70	
Oil & Gas	222.18	
Philorene Radio Comm.	99.25	
Stone, Grits & Asphalt	74.89	

Cleaning Oil Burner	12.00	
Plywood	33.60	
Daisy Mae Restaurant	42.00	
All other	91.17	2,975.00
PURCHASE OF NEW FIRE TRUCK		12,500.00
HYDRANT SERVICE		1,500.00
INSECT PEST CONTROL		
Dutch Elm & Moth Suppression		
Albert W. Brown, Supt.	619.00	
All other Wages	506.05	
Trucks	291.00	
Equipment, Saws etc.	343.50	
Insecticides	335.10	2,094.65
TREE WARDEN		
Albert W. Brown, Supt.	516.25	
All other Wages	278.40	
Trucks	246.00	
Equipment	233.90	
Association Dues	3.00	1,277.55
FOREST FIRE ACCOUNT		
Wages	525.76	
New England Tel & Tel. Co.	65.33	
Chadbourne's Petroleum Products	158.30	
Zabek Fire Apparatus	580.35	
Repairs to Equipment	220.20	
Permits	120.00	
All other	15.42	1,685.36
BUILDING INSPECTOR		
Expenses from last year	200.00	
Salary 1959	300.00	500.00
WIRE INSPECTOR		300.00
SEALER WEIGHTS & MEASURES		
Equipment	7.92	
R. C. Gay	92.08	100.00
DOG OFFICER'S FEES		728.00

CIVILIAN DEFENSE		
Director's Salary	360.00	
Telephone	93.85	
Office Supplies	3.00	
Surplus Goods	166.75	
Radio Service	11.39	
All other	13.94	648.93
BOARD OF HEALTH		
Salaries		350.00
Expenses		
Printing, Postage & Stationery	51.85	
Clerical	35.24	
Polio Clinic, Nurses, Serum Etc.	416.49	
Tuberculosis Board & Treatment	520.50	
Agent's Wages	375.00	
Agent's Expense	180.00	
Inspector of Animals	300.00	
Travel by Board members	42.50	
Inspector of Slaughtering	121.00	
Hospital Bill	180.50	
All other	26.30	2,249.38
TOWN DUMP		
Expenses		
Wages, Caretaker	265.00	
Gravel	21.00	
Sundry Persons Wages	36.00	
Use of Bulldozer	63.00	385.00
SEWERS		
Commissioners Salaries		350.00
Maintenance		
Expense		
Wages to Sundry Persons	293.00	
Use of Trucks & Equipment	64.50	
New Equipment	34.05	
Repairs to Equipment	36.95	
To State School for use of Filter Beds	2,141.40	2,569.90
Town's Final Share of New Filter Beds		6,000.00

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 81

Wages	15,626.87	
Insurance	883.93	
Equipment	12,117.03	
Material	8,692.59	37,320.42

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90C

Superintendent's Wages	575.70	
All other Wages	926.00	
Trucks	3,663.40	
All other Equipment	4,220.00	
Material	1,219.67	10,604.77

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90M, Bondsville Rd. & Turkey Hill Rd.

Wages	996.25	
Equipment	717.75	
Material	1,286.01	3,000.01

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90M, Amherst Road

Wages	904.18	
Equipment	684.25	
Material	1,411.49	2,999.92

HIGHWAYS, JACKSON ST. CONSTRUCTION

Wages	1,744.29	
Trucks & Equipment	2,090.00	
Material	7,192.50	
Cutting Drain Pipe	15.00	11,041.79

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 718, Munsell St.

Wages	593.90	
Equipment	1,774.55	
Material	1,025.38	3,404.83

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 718, South Washington St.

Wages	309.10	
Equipment	1,227.00	
Material	929.54	2,465.64

HIGHWAYS, STREETS

Street Signs	147.13	
Wages	876.88	
Equipment	284.80	
Material	490.97	1,799.78

HIGHWAYS, RAILROAD STREET

Wages	347.52	
Equipment	52.40	399.92

HIGHWAYS, SHEA AVENUE

Wages	125.60	
Equipment	546.65	
Material	27.75	700.00

HIGHWAYS, BOARDMAN STREET

Wages	83.80	
Equipment	756.49	
Material	59.71	900.00

HIGHWAYS, COLD SPRING ROAD

Wages	90.26	
Equipment	252.20	
Material	57.54	400.00

HIGHWAYS, SOUTH STREET

Wages	123.33	
Equipment	191.90	
Material	584.77	900.00

HIGHWAYS, SOUTH WASHINGTON STREET

Wages	184.40	
Equipment	715.50	899.90

HIGHWAYS, MUNSELL ROAD, TOWN APPROP.

Wages	151.80	
Equipment	333.25	
Material	414.95	900.00

HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES

Wages	520.96	

Lumber	419.71	
All other	1,507.04	2,447,71
HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS		
Wages	142.00	
Trucks	31.80	
Material	62.90	236.70
HIGHWAYS, MILL VALLEY SIDEWALK		
Wages	414.00	
Trucks	280.50	
Materials	302.65	997.15
HIGHWAYS, SNOW REMOVAL 1959		
Wages	3,329.21	
Trucks & Equipment	3,609.29	
Sand & Salt	2,040.80	8,979.30
HIGHWAYS, SNOW REMOVAL 1958		
Bills for 1958	837.00	837.00
HIGHWAYS, PURCHASE OF 3 PLOWS		511.13
HIGHWAYS, ROAD MACHINERY EXPENSE		
Wages	209.50	
Telephone	96.20	
Lights	56.02	
Fuel	606.63	
Oil, Gas & Grease	427.12	
Tires & Tubes	634.26	
Deizel Oil	1,516.04	
Repairs on Equipment	1,521.17	
Cutting edges	165.88	
Fuel Oil Tax	90.00	
Hardware & Hand Tools	168.46	
All other	571.95	6,063.23
HIGHWAYS, ROAD MACHINERY EXPENSE 1958		
Bills as voted on at Epecial Meeting		610.94
HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING		4,099.08
HIGHWAYS, DRAINAGE NEAR ADELYN STACY'S		
Wages	205.88	
Equipment	96.00	

Material	198.12	500.00

HIGHWAYS, DRAINAGE ON KIMBALL STREET

Wages	160.00	
Equipment	83.40	243.40

WELFARE

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District		1,606.12

PUBLIC WELFARE

Salaries		425.00
General Relief		1,018.36

VETERANS' SERVICES

Agent's Salary		300.00
Expenses		
Office expense	39.66	
Ordinary Benefits	2,671.94	
Fuel	171.00	
Medical	189.00	
Dental	119.00	
Medication	139.90	
Hospital	202.40	
Glasses	32.00	
Mileage (State Settlement)	312.00	
Taxes (State Settlement)	191.58	4,068.48

Old Age Assistance, Town Approp.	33,542.69
Old Age Assistance, Federal Grants	21,442.59
Aid to Dependent Children, Town Approp.	578.30
Aid to Dependent Children, Federal Grants	941.88
Disability, Town Approp.	269.55
Disability, Federal Grants	449.25

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, GENERAL CONTROL

School Committee Expenses	105.00	
Superintendent's Salary	7,249.99	
Superintendent's Expense	299.26	
Superintendent's Travel Allowance	575.76	
Secretary's Salary	3,051.93	
Secretary's Expense	17.40	
Clerical	80.00	
Telephone	161.35	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	76.06	11,616.75

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, INSTRUCTION		
Teachers' & Substitutes' Salaries	142,023.88	
Class Room and Teachers Expense	8,513.29	
Clerical	3,802.69	154,339.86
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, OPERATION		
Janitors' Salaries	12,466.46	
Janitors' Supplies	7,345.48	
Fuel	5,439.68	25,251.62
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HEALTH		
Nurse's & Substitutes' Salaries	3,839.25	
Nurse's & Substitutes' Travel	448.36	
School Physician's Salary	350.00	
All other	87.56	4,725.17
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, REPAIRS & REPLACEMENTS		7,150.00
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, TRANSPORTATION		33,443.87
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, MISCELLANEOUS		989.67
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, CAPITAL OUTLAY		1,565.85
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HOUSEHOLD ARTS		
Instructor's Salary	4,410.79	
Substitute's Salary	125.00	
Janitor's Salary	449.00	
New Sewing Machine	143.00	
All other	769.29	5,897.08
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, LIBRARY		594.83
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FUND		476.28
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, FUNDS FROM GOVERNMENT FOR USE OF SCHOOL COMMITTEE		
Public Law 874		971.25
Public Law 85-864		977.05
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION		
Tuition	7,926.76	
Transportation	2,727.00	10,653.76
SCHOOL LUNCH		

Wages & Salaries	11,596.47	
Transporting Food	607.00	
Food Bills	27,480.19	
All other	3,008.96	42,692.62
CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY		
To Trustees, Dog Fund	748.07	
Lights	14.95	
Fuel	171.07	
New Windows Installed	397.00	
Books & Periodicals	141.50	1,472.59
RECREATION & UNCLASSIFIED		
Parson Field		
Lights & Mowing	173.50	
New Equipment	166.70	340.20
TOWN COMMON		
Lights & Mowing		190.76
SUMMER RECREATION		
Swimming Instructor	150.00	
All other	170.68	320.68
STATE RECREATION AREAS		1,759.32
UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNT		246.71
PRINTING TOWN REPORTS		992.00
PRINTING TOWN BY-LAWS		292.04
ADOPTION OF TOWN SEAL		30.00
MEMORIAL DAY		
Flags	63.00	
Kelly the Florist	10.00	
Belchertown Public School Band	100.00	
Refreshments	22.84	195.84
VETERANS' DAY		
Kelly the Florist		53.00
VETERANS' QUARTERS		
Rent to Crystal Springs Dairy Bar	90.00	
Lights	12.49	102.49
VETERANS' GRAVES		
Wages	171.25	

Gasoline	13.75	
Truck Hire	15.00	200.00
UNPAID BILLS OF 1958		1,761.40
INSURANCE		
Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency	8,121.00	
Anna R. Gold Insurance Agency	248.14	8,369.14
CARE OF TOWN CLOCK		100.00
PAINTING TOWN CLOCK		255.00
TOWN HISTORY		
Clerical		15.25
CEMETERIES		
Wages, Commissioners	615.63	
All other Wages	1,165.57	
2 New Power Mowers	142.50	
1 Used Power Mower	30.00	
1 Trimmer-edger	96.25	
Repairs on mowers	6.50	
Grass Seed & Tools	53.44	
Gasoline	25.23	
Hired Mowing	157.50	
All other	38.05	2,330.67
INTEREST		
On Temporary Loans	1,064.46	
On Sewer Loans	725.00	
On School Loans	5,780.00	7,569.46
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Temporary Loans repaid	100,000.00	
General Loans	23,000.00	123,000.00
REFUNDS		
On Taxes	1,026.66	
On Motor Vehicle Excise	2,728.48	
Overpaid on Water Lien Fees & Int.	4.00	3,759.14
WATER DISTRICT		
Water Liens	61.18	
Assessments, Chadbourne Layout	223.00	284.18

TRUST FUNDS

Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	69.36
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	479.25
Smith Hughes-George Barden Fund	126.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care	800.00
Whiting Street Poor Fund	153.71
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	892.48
Walter Pratt Private Trust Fund	135.15

AGENCY & TRUST

Retirement	2,482.18
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Town Approp.	2,691.92
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Payroll Deduction	3,018.44
Group Life Insurance, Town Approp.	809.20
Group Life Insurance, Payroll Deduction	876.26
Sporting Licenses to State	1,742.50
Dog Licenses to County	1,372.50
Federal Withholding Taxes	29,926.33
State Withholding Taxes	1,687.88
Teachers' Health Insurance	1,573.95
County Tax	14,642.21
Hampshire County Retirement System	3,056.98
	$749,956.37
Cash on hand December 31, 1959	151,158.07
	$901,114.44

Annual Report
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

	Term Expires
FITZHUGH L. TURNER, Chairman	1960
HAROLD W. WILLEY	1961
PHILLIS FLAHERTY (MRS.)	1962

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

CARL J. PETERSON South Main St., Belchertown

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Telephone Office: 3111

Secretary and Clerk

MAY ROSE DEWEY Superintendent's Office

Telephone Residence: 3591

CAROL E. HUBBARD Principal Donald E. Geer's Office

Telephone Residence: 6631

RUBY MARTIN Principal Guy E. Harrington's Office

Telephone Residence: 4722

Meetings of School Committee

At 7:30 P. M. on the Second Tuesday of the Month

In the Superintendent's Office at Clapp Memorial Library

School Nurse

MRS. TIRZAH JUSKALIAN, R. N., Green Avenue, Belchertown

Telephone Residence: 2832

Telephone Office: 4371

School Physician

JAMES L. COLLARD, M. D. Maple St., Belchertown

Telephone Office: 2411

Attendance Officer

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR. Main St., Belchertown

Telephone Residence: 4351

No School Signal

4 Siren Signals at 7:15 A. M.

Report of School Committee

To The Citizens of Belchertown:

During the past year the Committee met twenty-seven times in regular or special sessions. With a very few exceptions the full Committee was present to transact any important business.

Since the disastrous Chicago school fire there has been a reawakened interest in and attention to pupil safety in school buildings. The National Fire Protection Association, a persistent but often unheeded champion of this cause, is now finding a receptive audience and extensive studies have and are being made to determine the best way to avert future tragedy and property loss.

The Center, Franklin and High School buildings have wooden interior construction. The design of these buildings and wall construction would permit heat and smoke to travel in partitions should a fire burn unnoticed for some time or an alarm be delayed. The greatest immediate problem, therefore, is the protection of life through rapid, orderly evacuation in the event of fire.

All classrooms at the Center School are located on one floor and there are three exits strategetically located. Franklin School has three classrooms on one floor with an exit at either end of the main corridor bisecting the building. The High School building, therefore, because of the type and materials of construction and the large segment of pupil population on the second floor, became the focus of some discussion pertinent to the need for an outside fire escape. The State Building Inspector was requested to appraise the situation and he stated that it, "would be acceptable but is not a requirement." The Inspector did point out other things that were not requirements but would add to the security of the pupils. One of these, the replacement of worn wood treads on both sets of stairs, was done during the past summer. The other changes which principally do with the relocation of smoke screen doors and the conversion of double action doors to single action are a scheduled part of an annual program beginning in 1960. One recommendation to install a heat activated fire alarm detection system is being studied in connection with the more initially expensive installation of a sprinker system which might result in a long term saving on insurance premiums.

Even in modern school construction and equipping there is a certain amount of combustible material used and Cold Spring School completed in 1954 is no exception. The fire danger there, however, is mainly property loss should a fire break out when the building is unoccupied and burn unnoticed for some time. The plan of the building permits rapid pupil movement and at the primary level there is direct egress to the outdoors.

Public Law 874 was passed by the 81st Congress to provide financial assistance for the support of schools in communities affected by, among other reasons, an average daily attendance of more than three per cent of pupils whose parents are employed on Federal property. This year was the first time that a parent employment survey indicated that it would be advantageous to make application. The result was that the Town received the sum of $6,044 which represents ninety-five percent of the 1959 claim. This money according to Chapter 621 of the Acts of 1953 of the General Laws of The Commonwealth must be deposited with the town treasurer and expended by the School Committee without further appropriation. The money received to date has been spent for two purposes: $2,850 was transferred to the school cafeteria account to permit the continous operation of the Lunch Program in all of the schools; and $1,300 has been designated a matching fund for additional reimbursement under Public Law 85-864. It is the intent of the Committee to use any future money received under this grant for the purpose of matching funds for additional grants or otherwise improving the instructional program.

Public Law 85-864, Title III of the National Defense Act provides for Federal allotments for four years for the strengthening of instruction in Science, Mathematics and Modern Foreign Languages. A primary requirement is that government expenditures be matched, dollar for dollar, at the local level. As indicated previously P. L. 874 money was used for local matching funds. The individual project outlined for the 1959 reimbursement was the improvement of science instruction in grades 1-12 through the acquisition of audio visual and laboratory equipment. When the application was approved orders were immediately placed for the equipment under consideration. Due to the nation wide impact of this program on the Companies dealing in scientific equipment all of the material has not been received to date. Since this program will continue for at least three more years, future applications will include materials for equipment to be used in the Modern Languages and Mathematics Courses.

The Committee urge everyone to consider carefully the report of the School Needs Committee. One of the most serious problems facing the Committee is the need for additional classroom space and while it may be necessary to resort to temporary arrangements to alleviate this condition, the Committee sincerely hope that a school building program can be accepted that will minimize the educational disadvantage to boys and girls that could arise from prolonged makeshift arrangements.

In conclusion the Committee note with deep regret the passing of Mr. Clarence Dobson, teacher of Science and Mathematics in the High School. During the two and half years of teaching in the local schools Mr. Dobson earned the respect and cooperation of students and fellow teachers and was well received in the community.

By unanimous vote, the Belchertown School Committee respectfully asks the Town to appropriate the sum of $269,095.00 for the running of the schools during 1960; for the Vocational Education Program the Committee request the amount of $13,160.

PROPOSED BUDGET FOR 1960

	1959	*1960*
General Control	$ 11,667.00	$ 12,920.00
Instruction	153,371.00	168,780.00
Operation of Schools	25,365.00	26,500.00
Repairs and Replacement	7,150.00	8,000.00
Transportation	33,300.00	35,400.00
Health	4,895.00	5,145.00
Miscellaneous	1,190.00	1,240.00
Household Arts	5,975.00	6,380.00
Capital Outlay	1,675.00	4,050.00
Library	650.00	680.00
	$245,238.00	$269,095.00

Section 10 of School Aid, Chapter 643, Acts of 1948, requires School Committees when submitting their school budgets, to include an estimate of the following recipts:

Group A.

1. School Aid, Chapter 643	$ 41,570.63
2. Transportation	28,678.93

3. Superintendent's Reimbursement	3,333.33	
4. Vocational Household Arts	2,898.80	
5. High School Tuition	325.00	
		$ 76,806.69
Group B.		
1. Tuition & Transportation (State Wards		$ 5,952.61
		$ 82,759.30
Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation		$186,335.70

Very truly yours,

Fitzhugh L. Turner, Harold Willey, Phyllis Flaherty

Report of Superintendent of Schools

INTRODUCTION

Members of the School Committee and Citizens of Belchertown:

This is my eighth annual report on the Belchertown Public Schools.

December 31, 1959 marks the end of a decade. If space permitted it would be interesting to make some comparisons with the end of the previous decade to see what changes and improvements have been accomplished during the past ten years. Statistics relative to finances could be presented to reflect various points of view from extravagant spending to too rigid economy depending on the interpreter's educational goals and values. The curriculum and other educational offerings could be compared and lack of progress in this area properly challenged. The similarities in school housing needs could be high-lighted by a comparison of the then proposed regional high school program with Ware and the subsequent school building programs and costs in each community with the still urgent need and increased construction costs for improved secondary facilities in each Town. The function of this report, however, is to give an annual rather than historical accounting.

CURRICULUM

Curriculum has been defined as all the experiences which pupils have while under the direction of the school. For example, the total program of studies which the high school offers plus the extra-curricula activities are thus included in this definition. A "Course of Study" on the other hand, is generally accepted to mean the work which is offered in a particular subject. During the past year it has not been possible to enlarge or make appreciable changes in the curriculum. Attention has been focused on improvement in the "Courses of Study". During the 1958-1959 school year each teacher was asked to prepare a detailed subject outline which included such items as; tests and other evaluative criteria, reference sources, audio-visual aids, bibliographies, and time intervals for subject topics and units.

Because of the current National emphasis on the secondary school program the outlines prepared in this area are receiving first consideration. The addition of evaluative material and the improvement and revision of the outlines is continuing. Each principal has the responsibility for the development of this program in his school but copies of all prepared materials are also being studied and filed in the Superintendent's office. Materials secured from other school systems, reports in professional journals, and yearbooks of National Councils and Associations in various subject fields are also being studied to determine trends in grade placement, areas of emphasis and results of research and experimentation. The goal of the current effort is not to produce inflexible "Courses of Study" or a Curriculum that will meet all educational needs in the immediate future. The first objective is to have a comprehensive typewritten outline of the material to be studied in each subject at each grade level to serve as a guide for the teacher and as a base for future revision and study. Lay citizen participation will be encouraged and welcomed as this project develops.

ADMINISTRATION AND SUPERVISION

One of the major problems of a school administrator is to budget his time so that there is adequate supervision of instruction as well as proper and careful administration of school matters. One of the important factors that helps to create this proper balance is the provision of adequate office facilities, equipment, and secretarial and clerical help. Each year there has been some improvement in this respect both for the school principals and the superintendent. Through the cooperation of the Trustees of the Clapp Memorial Library, rooms have been made available to the superintendent that provide for adequate work and storage space and a private conference area. The transfer of the superintendent's office to the library building has made it possible for the high school principal to also have more adequate facilities. The upgrading in this case still does not provide for a private office and conference area for the principal. One advantage that has resulted, however, is the possibility of providing in the principal's former office a location for teacher-pupil conferences and health room facilities. A modernization of office furniture and office equipment in both of the above mentioned offices should be started to improve appearance and increase efficiency.

Since 1957 definite strides have been made each year toward the provision for adequate secretarial help. This becomes increasingly necessary as the Town takes full advantage of Federal reimbursements and grants now being made available. The desirable goal in this program is adequate and competent office help so that the administrators can be freed of routine clerical duties in order to concentrate on classroom supervision, curriculum improvement, and other areas related to instruction.

GUIDANCE

The need for a guidance counselor at the secondary level was reviewed in this report a year ago. At that time the hope existed that under the National Defense Education Act it would be possible to secure sufficient funds to pay a large share of the cost of this program. Unfortunately, however, Title V, of Public Law 85-864 dealing with Guidance as it now is defined and interpreted, permits a maximum reimbursement to a community of only up to 95¢ per pupil. With a secondary school pupil census of approximately 400 this would amount to only $380. This would not significantly reduce the amount that would have to be appropriated to inaugurate this service.

In addition to this top priority need there is unfortunately another area of guidance that is requiring considerable time and attention at the elementary level. This is the adjustment of pupils with emotional problems. There are children in our school who are withdrawn, neurotic, anti-social, over-agressive and otherwise poorly adjusted who need help with their problems. This need has been recognized as state-wide and through the Division of Youth Service a school adjustment counselor program was initiated in 1955. By law, the Commonwealth would reimburse this community, if an approved elementary counselor was employed, the amount of $4500 annually. The value of this program is a matter for serious discussion and study during the coming year.

SPECIAL CLASS

Exceptional children, like others, must become well adjusted members of a family and community. They must be trained to assume responsibilities in keeping with their capacities. The objectives of education for this group do not differ from the general objectives of education for all children but provision must be made for facilities, equipment and a teacher with special training.

The mentally handicapped child is not being provided with special instruction in our local public schools. If the mental retardation is to the degree that the child is not able to make acceptable physical and social adjustment the child remains at home. In most local cases, however, the child is enrolled in school and is identified with the slow learner group. At the primary level where reading is a major emphasis and there is much group activity the child may be happy and show some progress. However, as the child matures physically and must be moved from grade to grade to be with boys and girls of comparable physical development the regular classroom becomes a frustrating experience.

The Division of Special Education of the State Department of Education is concerned with the local problem but has to date recognized the fact that compliance with the law is extremely difficult in view of the current shortage of classroom space. Tomorrow is too late for the child who needs help today. Until adequate space can be provided by new school construction the provision for temporary facilities for a special class and the organization of such a class must be of primary concern in the year ahead.

A NEW HORIZON

Educational television is now a successful reality in the Greater Boston area. Unfortunately, The 21" Classroom broadcasts over WGBH-TV, Channel 2, cannot be received locally with sufficient clarity and dependability to warrant the use of this instructional medium in our schools. Plans are being formulated by educational organizations in Western Massachusetts whereby through the use of relay stations or rebroadcast by a commercial station this handicap may be overcome. When this instructional tool is available there will be a small assessment for each participating community in return for which teachers and pupils will receive study guides and other material to accompany the lessons. Our curriculum can be broadened and present subjects enriched when this horizon is reached.

CONCLUSION

In conclusion I would first like to call attention to the reports that follow which deal in some detail with the program and progress in each school as reviewed by the Principals. Also, the reports of the Household Arts Instructor, Music Supervisor and School Nurse which outline activities in these special areas. The report of the School Lunch Manager is added this year to point out the scope of this operation.

The accomplishments in the past year have been possible only by the cooperative efforts of many people — laymen and professional. I have been privileged to work with a School Committee that has carefully considered recommendations and proposals. I regret that Chairman Fitzhugh Turner has declined to run for reelection. His knowledge of school affairs gained through study and experience has been a most valuable aid in Committee deliberations. To all school personnel I extend my appreciation for time, effort and energy given to provide equal educational opportunity for all. I wish to mention in particular that on December twenty-third Mr. Lincoln Cook retired after operating a bus route for more than twenty-five years and in behalf of the many children who have ridden with him, to say "Thank you" for a job well done.

In September of 1957 Mr. Clarence Dobson joined the high school faculty. Reentering the teaching profession after an extended career in business, he energetically applied himself to achieve mastery of the subjects that he taught and to acquire competence in the techniques of teaching. His sudden death as the year closed saddened the hearts of all who worked with or under his direction.

Respectfully submitted,
CARL J. PETERSON
Superintendent of Schools

Report of High School Principal

Mr. Carl Peterson
Superintendent of Schools
Dear Mr. Peterson:

My annual report as Principal of Belchertown High School is herewith submitted.

The enrollment at the opening of school on September 9, 1959 was:

	Boys	*Girls*	*Totals*
Seniors	14	28	42
Juniors	30	31	61
Sophomores	25	38	63
Freshmen	31	35	66
	100	132	232

There were 18 boys and 18 girls in the 1959 graduating class. Of these graduates, Doreen Demetropoulos, Chester Dzwonkowski, Robert Marshall, and D. Fred Terry are enrolled at the University of Massachusetts; Carl Peterson is attending the University of Maryland; Barbara Wilson is a student at Houghton College; Jack Fitts is at the University of Miami; Dorothy Allen entered Leslie College; Jane Pietryka is studying at A.I.C.; Michael Reid is enrolled at Little Rock University; Jane Flaherty and Brian Crimmins are enrolled at the Westfield State Teachers College; Jack Hulmes and Matthews Sliwa are attending Lowell Technological Institute; Kenneth Snow has entered the Stockbridge School at the University of Massachusetts; Diane Belmont, Beverly Sporbert, and Edward Kirby are taking courses at the Springfield Trade High School; Theresa Zobka is at the Mercy Hospital School of Nursing, Springfield; Wayne Cochran, John Fleming, Raymond Hill, and Charles Rathbun have enlisted in branches of the U.S. Armed Services. The following girls have office employment: Marian Martin at Tampax; Karen Noel and Patricia Desmarais at Massachusetts Mutual; Beverly Bukowski at Diamond Gardner; Janice Phaneuf at Springfield Fire & Marine; Elaine Purrington at the Hano Philip Co., Inc., Holyoke; Michael Ribeiro is employed at White & Wycoff Mfg. Co.; Robert Russell is working at the Wright and Warren Company; Francis Walsh is employed at the American Writing Paper Corp.; Ramona Horta is employed at the Crystal Spring Dairy Bar; Constance Dube and Irene Lepine are working for the Sickles Company; David Fournier is at home; and, Suzanne Greenan and Alice Hubbard are married.

In addition to the Holland Family, Lions Club, Belchertown Police Association, and Martinelli Scholarships, several prizes, awards, grants and honors were received by members of the 1959 graduating class. Some of these were: the Northampton Elks' Scholarship, the Houghton College Freshmen Scholarship, the Wilbur H. H. Ward Scholarship, and the National Board of Firewriters Scholarship Grant, and the Young Artists' Award. Also, the following awards were made at Commencement:

The American Legion and Auxiliary for attendance, the George B. Jackson Memorial in English, the Nancy Austin Latin Prize, the Margo Austin French Award, the 1947 Osborne Davis Memorial in Sciences, the Bausch & Lomb Honorary in Science, the Rensselaer Polytechnic Alumni in Science and Mathematics, Student Council, Commercial, Booster Club, All-Round Student, Activities, D. A. R. Good Citizenship Pilgrimage, NOMA Proficiency, Lions Zone Winner Speaker's Contest, C. P. Davis Current Events, and the Belchertown Teachers Association Improvement Plaque.

Last June, Mr. Robert D. Camp, Jr., resigned his position as instructor of science to accept a more lucrative position at East Longmeadow. He was an able teacher and contributed generously of his time and effort in serving as coach of basketball. Under his guidance the team again tied for the title of the Franklin League and went to the finals in the Tri-State Tournament.

Our baseball team again won first honors in the League under the direction of coach James O'Leary.

Our regular testing program has been continued. The tests have included: the D E S Aptitude Tests which were administered by officials of the Ware office; the Iowa Tests of Educational Development, and the National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Tests. Also, last spring, the sophomores were given the Otis Mental Ability Tests.

Our band and chorus have appeared locally and participated at the Music Festival at Hadley and at district meetings at Hadley and West Springfield.

In the oratorical field, John Burke was the school winner in the American Legion Contest. In the Lions Club contest, Marian Martin won the local, the Zone at Westfield, and went on to the Regional at Springfield.

Along with our customary educational tours, and class trips the biology classes visited the Bronx Zoo and around 45 students went to Stratford, Connecticut, to observe a Shakespearean play, "Romeo and Juliet".

RECOMMENDATIONS

I would like to point out explicitly some urgent needs at the High School:

1. That a complete renovation of the Science Laboratory be made. New equipment is needed to keep abreast of the rapid progress in science.
2. That more lockers be installed until enough are furnished to accomodate all pupils' personal belongings, coats, rubbers, etc.
3. That more space be added for adequate administrative offices.
4. That a guidance department be established with a full-time. counselor to advise pupils concerning courses of study appropriate to their abilities, aptitudes and skills.
5. That more space be made for commercial facilities.
6. That some provisions be made for an adequate health room.
7. That suitable tables and chairs be provided for use in the cafeteria.

May I take this opportunity to express my thanks to you, Mr. Peterson, and to the members of the School Committee for assistance and support given throughout the year. I also with to thank the members of the faculty, custodians, pupils and friends of the school for the cooperation which they have rendered during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
GUY E. HARRINGTON
Principal of the High School

Report of Franklin School Principal

During the summer the interior of the building was thoroughly cleaned and minor repairs made. The Primary room was painted and looked bright and cheerful on the opening of school. New back steps and rails were so constructed as to insure the safety of all children. A new rear door was also added, thus giving a complete new look to the rear entrance. A new leach field was made and all other necessary work on the sewage system was completed.

Equipment was added to the playground. Through the cooperation of the P. T. A. and the school department, a basketball court was erected. More equipment is to be added so that the children of the lower grades will be able to engage in sports suitable to their age.

Mrs. Maryann Rowe, past Regional Librarian was promoted to the position of Regional Story Teller. She visited the students and gave an entertaining and educational dramatization of stories. We are anticipating her next visit.

In addition to the children selecting their books from the Regional Library, several sets of books adapted to the different age levels were purchased. These books were selected to further the independent reading habits of the children and serve the needs of the slow, average, and above average children. In independent reading the children read silently and then have an opportunity to relate the story to the other members of the class and exchange ideas in a discussion period. In the intermediate grades the gifted children have the opportunity to analyze critically the opinion of the author and become acquainted with the authors of children's books.

The new revised Scott Foresman Readers were provided for grade 1 and the recently adopted World Book arithmetic series was extended through grade 5. As a supplementary aid to arithmetic, Educational Number Fences were purchased. This device is an aid in understanding the basic concepts and in forming the pattern of successful learning of arithmetic.

A three speed victrola and two Hi-Fi-lophones were purchased to further the children's appreciation and enjoyment of music. New revised American Company music books were added to grades 4 and 5.

A new improved Rol-a Lab was obtained and should prove very valuable in the field of science. It provides the means for sound science instruction in rooms not equipped for the teaching of science. It is so constructed that it can easily be rolled from one room to another.

A folding cot was provided to insure the comfort of ill students while they are waiting for the nurse to check them.

Through the courtesy of the Hill Stretch Dairy a refrigerator was installed. The children can now take advantage of the milk program at recess as well as noon.

The Stanford Achievement Tests were continued in grades 1 and 2. The Iowa Tests of Basic Skills were administered to all pupils in grades 3 through 5. All pupils in grades 2 and 5 were administered the Otis Quick Scoring Mental Ability Test. The results of this test are aids to the teacher in better understanding the child and providing a long range educational program suitable to his capabilities.

Fire Prevention Week was climaxed by a visit from our local firemen who showed and demonstrated new apparatus used in combating fires. The younger children enjoyed receiving the firemen's hats.

In conclusion may I express my thanks to Mr. Peterson, the School Committee, and to those who have contributed their efforts to make the year a successful one.

ELEANOR FITZGERALD

Report of Cold Spring and Center School Principal

Mr. Carl J. Peterson
Superintendent of Schools
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Dear Mr. Peterson:

Following is the third annual report of the Principal of the Cold Spring and Center Schools.

The enrollment at the Cold Spring School on the opening day in September was 413. At the Center School the total was 148. The present enrollment at Cold Spring is 422 and at Center 151. The distribution by grades follows:

Grade	*Boys*	*Girls*	*Total*
1	42	30	72
2	35	32	67
3	36	31	67
4	39	27	66
5	37	33	70
6	45	35	80
7	42	33	75
8	43	33	76

Particular note should be made of the total in grade 6. With the additional pupils from Franklin, the number in this grade has been reached which can no longer be effectively handled by the two classrooms and, as a result, it is necessary that an additional staff member be considered.

Personnel changes during the past year included the resignations of Mrs. Elizabeth Fox and Mr. Edward Daunheimer at the Center School and the retirement of Miss Bertha O'Neill at Cold Spring School. Mrs. Barbara Field and Mr. Richard McCabe were appointed to the Center School vacancies and Mrs. June Smith to the

Cold Spring vacancy.

Five student teachers from the University of Massachusetts began an eight-week period of practice teaching in November. The group includes Mrs. Joyce Orton with Mrs. Austin in 6A; Mr. Von Orton with Mr. Dickinson in 6B; Miss Barbara Sargent with Mrs. Dobson in 4B; Miss Martha Dickey with Mrs. Dutcher in 2B; and Miss Sally Kane with Mrs. Gervais in 1B.

During the summer months the renovation of the Center School was continued with the painting of one more classroom and recently some new fluorescent lighting was installed. For the year ahead a request has been made to continue the painting program including the exterior surfaces, to renovate the toilet rooms, and to continue the lighting program.

The exterior surfaces of the Cold Spring School were painted last spring and it is hoped that during the year ahead a program to repaint the interior surfaces of this building can be initiated.

Through the National Defense Education Act, a program supported by the Federal Government, badly needed science equipment was purchased for both schools. A portable science table complete with experimental equipment is now in use at Cold Spring School. A portable laboratory table, filmstrip projector, and biology charts were received for use at Center School.

The work of a committee selected to investigate the social studies program resulted in the purchasing of new texts in this area for grades 7 and 8 while the new arithmetic series was extended through grade 4. In the years ahead these texts will be extended through all elementary grades.

In conjunction with the elementary science program adopted last year, a science workshop was conducted in May by the D. C. Heath Company to help familiarize the teachers with their texts and to give them instruction in demonstrating and experimenting with science materials.

Although an atttempt is being made to revise the curriculum in order to keep abreast of present day progress, certain areas are still being neglected. Included in this category are physical education, art, and manual training. In general these specialized areas are looked upon as "extras" in the over-all school expense with the result that they are difficult to achieve. However, they are a necessary and vital part of the school program which one day must materialize.

It is apparent from the opening figures that the enrollment at the Cold Spring School is showing an annual increase. Together with this increase there is an increase in the number of student development problems both social and academic. To assist in handling these problems consideration must be given to including special class and adjustment counselling programs at the elementary level. To indicate the importance of these programs the State makes possible the establishment of special class instruction for the mentally retarded as determined by regulations prescribed by the Department of Mental Health. Also, in order that a counselling program might be initiated, the State will reimburse a major portion of the salary of such a counsellor. Services such as these cannot be overlooked indefinitely.

In conclusion may I thank all those who have assisted in the carrying out of our program during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD E. GEER
Principal
Center-Cold Spring Schools

Report of Household Arts Supervisor

The total number of girls enrolled in Household Arts is 92, exactly the same as last year, divided into classes as follows:

Seventh Grade	34
Eighth Grade	33
Ninth Grade	11
Tenth Grade	14

In Junior High the girls learn the use and care of the sewing machines and how to use patterns to make simple cotton garments. The Eighth Grade schedule includes both clothing and the fundamentals of food values and preparation. Each Junior High group meets once a week, the length of time varying according to their academic schedule. There are three group of Eighth Grade and two of Seventh Grade girls. Many take advantage of after-school instruction, though few are required to do so. The room is often well filled four afternoons a week by youngsters anxious to complete garments. These sessions last from 45 minutes to an hour and a half. This age group is very enthusiastic and, on the whole, eager to learn.

In the Ninth Grade, some of the objectives are as follows:

Understanding ourselves and others
Becoming good baby sitters (child care)
Entertaining with food
Managing personal finances
Creating attractive rooms for teenagers
Building an appropriate and adequate wardrobe

Each objective is treated as a unit course of study, which covers several weeks, according to the importance and need.

The objectives of the Tenth Grade are:

To help students to share happily in their present home and family relationships

To become more capable and successful homemakers in the future

To develop these objectives the course breaks down into the following units:

1. Personal and family relationships
2. Selection, purchase, preparation, serving, preservation, and storage of foods for the family
3. Selection, purchase, care, alteration, renovation, and construction of clothing
4. Care and guidance of children
5. Maintenance of health and home safety, care of the sick, and first aid (These are all included in an intensive course in Home Nursing, taught jointly by Mrs. Juskalian, the school nurse, and the regular instructor.)

Each year the girls plan and arrange an exhibit for Fair Day. In May the fourth Fashion Show was held, and each girl (with few exceptions) modeled one or more garments made in class.

We are tremendously appreciative of the new tables and chairs which came this year, as well as of two new sewing machines.

At this time, I should like to thank the school officials, other teachers, the parents, and any others who have cooperated in any way to make the year 1959 a beneficial one for the girls.

FLORENCE N. JACKSON

Report of Supervisor of Music

Mr. Carl Peterson,
Superintendent of Schools
Dear Sir:

I am privileged to present my annual report of music education for the year ending December 31, 1959.

Music educators are firmly convinced that every child must be given music. It must not be given only to those children who show an aptitude for it and in whose favor it is so easy for a music teacher to direct his endeavors. A public school in a democracy can not justifiably deprive any child of music, especially during the adolescent years when he may need music more than ever.

All pupils have an innate desire to express themselves musically although some of them may not have the necessary qualifications for membership in special music groups such as glee clubs.

As stated in a previous report each year this report will contain a detailed summarization of the acccomplishment at a particular grade level. This year the program in Grade Four:

Understanding of music is not brought about in a brief time or solely through the use of reproducing devices. Rather, it is the culmination, the overall result, of one's musical experience. Children are exposed to music in a great variety of ways and in many situations. Surely the child's musical instruction in school should be of a type to develop a liking for music and an acquaintance with such facts about the art as will contribute to deeper understanding. Fourth grade children may be given many experiences which will enhance their appreciation, and many of the experiences may be associated with the daily music lesson.

Aims in areas of musical experiences for grade four:

1. Strive for correct and pleasing tone production and quality; artistic interpretation; extend rote-song repertory; build

note-song repertory by independent music reading of unison and tow-part songs.

2. Increase rhythmic understanding by bodily responses: clapping, stepping, singing games, folk dancing.
3. Playing: Add tonettes to provide individual and group experiences with band instruments.
4. Names of keys, first step in chromatics and review of time motions — one, two and three.

The glee clubs have performed on several occasions during the year.

The number of pupils in the glee clubs are as follows:

Grades five and six	92
Grades seven and eight	90
Grades nine	62
Grade ten	57
Grade eleven	54
Grade twelve	41

In grades nine through twelve music is elective. The following Seniors will sing in the district chorus at Springfield High School December 12th:

1. Bob Demers	T - 2
2. Carol Field	A - 1
3. Georgette Forest	S - 1
4. Carol Lequin	S - 1
5. Jeanne McCollough	A - 1
6. Daniel Miron	T - 1
7. Elizabeth Papp	A - 1
8. Barbara Stefanowich	S - 2

These eight young people will audition to sing at All-State Chorus January 15, 1960.

The Senior High School Glee Club auditioned at the Western Massachusetts Music Festival receiving an excellent rating.

In conclusion, may I express my appreciation to all those who have served with me or assisted me in any way during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARA COOK
Supervisor of Music

Report of School Nurse

Mr. Carl J. Peterson
Superintendent of Schools
Belchertown, Massachusetts
My dear Mr. Peterson:

"Ring out the old, ring in the New". In writing my sixth annual report as school nurse, I cannot but share the eternal hope that tomorrow will be better—and so in fact it has been in 1959. To accept this may be difficult by some since one cannot see a dramatic change. Except for a few days in March when our school attendance suffered considerably due to a virus infection which made its rounds, the over-all picture has been good. This may be attributed to the fact that regard for health and education for it ranks first in planning and carrying out educational programs everywhere.

Beginning with nursery school to college, adult, and community groups, health education is provided. There are many good ways of teaching health. We cannot expect to teach children all there is to know about health, but we can inspire and instill in our young people the desire to continue to learn and develop proper health habits and increase their sense of individual responsibilities for their own health, both physical and mental.

Unfortunately, it is not always possible to conduct health classes as such but much can and is being done in the class-room, on the playground, in the cafeteria, in health services provided by the school years. Such a program helps develop proper habits of eat- teachings must be simple and applicable to everyday work and play—always aiming towards "Total Fitness" which includes Safety Methods.

Concern for the health of our children is evidenced by the readiness of teachers and other school personnel to report special conditions so that proper measures may be taken. Often this involves home visits, a very fine opportunity to observe the "whole picture", resulting in a better understanding of the child's problems and the needs of the family. In order to obtain the fullest benefit, sometimes community resources have to be coordinated in the total program.

Scott, Forsman and Company have published the "Index of Health and Safety Contents", a basic health and safety program developed in text for grades 1-6 which can be useful in the early school years. Such a program helps develop proper habits of eating, elimination, sleeping, resting, exercising, bathing, care of teeth and eyes, emotional control, wearing suitable clothing, etc.

In the Junior and Senior High level one would expect each pupil to assume greater responsibilities for maintaining his health and guarding against accidents, keeping dental and medical appointments, and willingness to advance not only his own personal interests but also that of his school and community. The relationship of dental care and oral hygiene to health and appearance cannot be over emphasized. Undoubtedly, securing dental care will be much more convenient in Belchertown since the establishment of Dr. Wilson's office on Main Street.

Yearly physical examinations are conducted by our school physician, Dr. James Collard, in grades one, four, seven, eleven, all new students, cheer leaders, and pupils participating in competitive athletics. All medical rules and regulations are executed under his directions.

Classes in Home Nursing were again held in the Household Arts Department for the sophomores with the cooperation of Mrs. Florence Jackson. Nine girls were awarded pins and certificates after satisfactorily completing the course. Lectures in Feminine Hygiene and good grooming with the aid of film strips were given to the girls in the seventh, eighth, and ninth grades. Because it was so well accepted by them and approved by mothers, it is hoped that this will be repeated including those in the sixth grades.

The results of the annual Vision and Hearing tests compared fairly well with that of the State percentage. All communicable diseases were reported to the Board of Health. Several Immunization Clinics were held at the Cold Spring School. Dr. Kenneth L. Collard, Board of Health physician, conducted these in cooperation with the school health department. The following are the figures as reported to the board of health:

DTP:

March 25, 1959	542
April 22, 1959	235

May 20, 1959	207
Anti-polio:	
June 10, 1959	789
July 15, 1959	335
Total	2,108

(More clinics may be held later)

An accident Survey covering the period from May, 1958 to October, 1959, was completed and sent to the State Dept. of Education, Division of Health, Boston, Massachusetts, at the end of May, 1959.

In closing, I extend my deepest appreciation to everyone who has in any way cooperated with this department. Health-wise speaking, may today's Tomorrow be even better than the past.

Respectfully submitted,
TIRZAH D. JUSKALIAN, R.N.

Report of Cafeteria Manager

Mr. Carl J. Peterson
Superintendent of Schools
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Dear Mr. Peterson:

The School Lunch Program for the children of Belchertown completed five years of operation in October, 1959.

October, 1954, marked the first month of operation with a total of 5,715 bottles of milk sold and an average of 240 meals per day at Cold Spring School.

In October, 1959, the milk consumed at Cold Spring School alone reached 12,115 bottles, and the total amount for the four schools served was 20,739 half-pints. The daily meals served at the four schools averaged 525 per day.

Five years of operation, and the program has become in its own right a local industry, employing five town residents on a full-time and three on a part-time basis. It has assumed the proportions of big business with an annual gross income of approximately $40,000. In a very recent survey a percentage breakdown of operation showed food costs at 67%, labor 27%, and other expenses 6%, as against supposedly ideal percentages figured at pre-inflation levels, as follows - food 65%, labor 30%, other expenses 5%.

The School Lunch Program is essentially a community responsibility which is met from national level to local community level in the following ways: —

Federal Government —

Purchase and distribution to the states of available surplus commodities — Reimbursement to the state for each student lunch served.

State Government —

Distribution of surplus commodities received from the United States Department of Agriculture to the schools according to the number of student lunches served — Reimbursement to the schools of 9¢ for each student lunch served and 4¢ for extra milk not included with lunch.

Town —

Providing of original equipment, space, heat, light, and janitor service at Cold Spring School where food is prepared, served, and transported to Franklin, Center, and High Schools.

The serving of lunches at Franklin School is carried on in the main hallway and students eat their lunches at their desks. Center School serving is conducted in the all-purpose classroom and students eat lunches at their desks in the various classrooms. A basement lunchroom is provided at the High School. The food is served from counters donated by Mr. and Mrs. Saul Nulman and eaten at plank tables loaned by the Congregational Church. At Cold Spring School the students have the benefit of an ideal cafeteria. Total participation is approximately 70% of the student body.

The local Board of Health made a recommendation that the transporting of school lunches be done in closed vehicles and changes were made to accommodate this suggestion. All other phases of the operation met with their requirements.

It was regrettable that due to the ever increasing cost of operating the program, it was necessary to increase the price of the lunches from 25¢ to 30¢. However, it is felt that parents cannot duplicate or better, either nutritionally or financially, the benefits derived from the hot lunch program.

An invitation is extended to all parents to visit the school cafeterias at any time and observe the operation.

The feeding program for the school children of Belchertown could not be accomplished without the efficient and unselfish diligence of my cafeteria staff. Thanks also go to the Belchertown School Committee and Staff — administrative, teaching, custodial — for the wonderful cooperation given through the years.

Respectfully submitted,
PHYLLIS A. MULLANE
Cafeteria Manager

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School Financial Report

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOL EXPENDITURES, 1959

GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee		
Expenses	$95.00	
Superintendent of Schools		
Salary	7,249.99	
Expenses—including in and out-of-state travel, clerical help, postage, stationery and telephone	4,250.80	
Law Enforcement	20.96	$11,616.75
INSTRUCTION		
Teachers' Salaries	142,334.88	
Teachers' Expenses	4,312.20	
Instructional Supplies	7,742.78	154,389.86
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Janitor Service	12,466.96	
Operation of Expense: Supplies, Telephone, Electricity and Water	6,410.98	
Fuel	6,373.00	25,250.94
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Repairs and Replacements	7,150.00	7,150.00
TRANSPORTATION	33,443.87	33,443.87
HEALTH	4,725.17	4,725.17
MISCELLANEOUS	995.35	995.35
HOUSEHOLD ARTS	5,842.08	5,842.08
LIBRARY	594.83	594.83

CAPITAL OUTLAY		1,565.85	1,565.85
Expenditures, 1959 Budget			$245,574.70
Special Available Funds: (George Barden)			18.00
Total Cost of Schools			$245,592.70
Total Receipts of 1959:			
Appropriation		$245,238.00	
Transfer: 12-18-59 Reserve Funds—			
Inst.	$1,050.00		
Trans.	165.00	1,215.00	
Special Funds: (George Barden) —		18.00	246,471.00
Balance Returned to Town			$878.30
REIMBURSEMENTS: Paid to Town of Belchertown from sources other than local taxation:			
Department of Public Welfare (State Wards)		5,592.61	
School Aid (Chapter 643)		41,112.63	
High School Tuition Pupil		260.00	
Transportation		28,678.93	
Superintendent		3,333.33	
Vocational Education		2,750.78	$82,088.28
RECAPITULATION			
Total Cost of Schools		$245,592.70	
State Reimbursement		82,088.28	
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown, 1959			$163,504.42
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown, 1958			$148,284.13

Vocational Education Financial Report

Vocational Education Appropriation	$8,000.00	
Special Appropriation 11-23-59	3,350.00	$11,350.00
Expenses:		
Transportation	$2,727.00	
Tuition	7,926.76	10,653.76
Balance Returned to Town		$696.24
STATE REIMBURSEMENTS:		
Transportation	$645.52	
Tuition	2,019.14	2,664.66
Total Cost to Town	$10,653.76	
Reimbursement from State	2,664.66	
Actual Cost to Town	———	$7,989.10

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1959

SCHOOL	GRADES												TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Cold Spring Sch.	70	66	67	62	68	80							413
Franklin School	16	21	17	15	11								80
Center School							74	68					152
High School									65	64	61	42	232
	86	87	84	77	79	80	74	68	65	64	61	42	877

School Calendar

1959

September 9—Wednesday—Schools open for beginning of school year

October 12—Monday—Schools closed—Columbus Day Observance

October 23—Friday—Schools closed—Hampden County Teachers' Association Convention

November 11—Wednesday—Schools closed—Veterans' Day

November 26, 27—Thursday, Friday—Schools closed—Thanksgiving Vacation. Wednesday, November 25—Schools close, High School, 11.30; Elementary, 12 noon.

November 30—Monday—Schools reopen

December 23—Wednesday—Schools closed—Christmas Vacation

1960

January 4—Monday—Schools reopen

February 22—Monday—Schools closed—Washington's Birthday

February 26—Friday—Schools closed for midwinter vacation. Regular sessions will be held this day

March 7—Monday—Schools reopen

April 15—Friday—Schools closed—Good Friday

April 19—Tuesday—Schools closed—Patriots' Day

April 29—Friday—Schools closed for Spring Vacation. Regular sessions will be held this day

May 9—Monday—Schools reopen

May 30—Monday—Schools closed—Memorial Day

June 17—Friday—Elementary Schools closed—Summer Vacation

June 24—Friday—High School closed—Summer Vacation

Directory of Teachers

	Year Appointed
Carl J. Peterson—Superintendent of Schools South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1953
Mrs. Tirzah D. Juskalian, R. N.—School Nurse Green Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1954
Dr. James L. Collard—School Physician Maple Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1911
Mrs. Clara P. Cook—Music Supervisor Bernardston, Massachusetts	1948
Joseph Contino—Band Director 50 Farview Way, Amherst, Massachusetts	1956
W. L. Rinehart—Director Functional Hand Writing Waltham, Massachusetts	1950
HIGH SCHOOL	
Guy E. Harrington, Principal South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1943
Barbara Ernest—Mechanical Drawing, Science, Mathematics Birch Road, South Hadley, Massachusetts	Jan. 4, 1960
Miss Madeline M. Fitzgerald—Commercial Department Depot Street, Bondsville, Massachusetts	1958
Mrs. Rosemary E. Fitzgerald—Mathematics South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1958
Mrs. Florence N. Jackson—Household Arts South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1946
James E. O'Leary—Social Studies 3 Fairfield Avenue, Holyoke, Massachusetts	1957

Mrs. Marie T. Pepin—Science, French 1956
Boardman Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero—Latin, English 1941
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Jerome P. Shea—Science 1959
88 Westfield Road, Holyoke, Massachusetts
Lawrence E. Shea—English 1958
198 Florida Street, Springfield, Massachusetts
Mrs. Ada W. Tague—Social Studies 1946
West Street, Amherst, Massachusetts
Gerald G. Tremaine—Social Studies, Mathematics 1952
Maple Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

COLD SPRING SCHOOL

Donald E. Geer—Supervising Principal, Grades 1 - 6 1950
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Janet D. Smith—Grade 1 1959
North Washington Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Doris B. Gervais—Grade 1 1957
3 Pleasant Terrace, Ware, Massachusetts
Mrs. Camille T. Dutcher—Grade 2 1957
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Miss Irene B. Orlando—Grade 2 1917
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Anita H. Wadhams—Grade 3 1958
North Washington Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Miss Alice M. Flaherty—Grade 3 1922
Jackson Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Ruth B. Dobson—Grade 4 1957
Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Emma D. Loftus—Grade 4 1948
Old Springfield Road, Belchertown, Massachusettts
Mrs. Madeleine R. Lambert—Grade 5 1924
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Olive F. Hodgen—Grade 5 1958
Sargent Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Margaret T. Austin—Grade 6 1954
Lloyd Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts

William N. Dickinson—Grade 6 1957
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

CENTER SCHOOL—7 and 8 DEPARTMENTALIZED

Donald E. Geer—Principal
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Bernadette S. Bowler—English, History 1942
Three Rivers Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Stanley F. Czech—Mathematics, Science 1957
97 South Street, Ware, Massachusetts
Mrs. Barbara G. Field—Mathematics, English, Social Studies 1959
North Washington Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Richard M. McCabe—Mathematics, Science 1959
931 Worthington Street, Springfield, Massachusetts
Mrs. Helen D. Renouf—English, Social Studies 1957
Belchertown, Massachusetts

FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Miss Eleanor M. Fitzgerald—Principal, and Grades 3, 4 1931
Depot Street, Bondsville, Massachusetts
Mrs. Lucy H. Sullivan—Grades 1, 2 1957
Liberty Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Mildred M. Carter—Grades 5, 6 1943
25 South Main Street, Bondsville, Massachusetts

CUSTODIANS

George Dewey—Cold Spring School 1947
Carl Hagman—Cold Spring School 1954
William Kimball, Jr.—High School, Household Arts and Center School 1950
Albert Dudek—Franklin School 1950
William Aldrich—Union School 1950
David Dzuris—Part-time Assistant, Cafeteria, and Center School 1957

CAFETERIA

Phyllis Mullane—Supervisor 1954
Carol Hubbard—Bookkeeper 1957

Nellie Dudek—Worker	1954
Della Gray—Worker	1956
Lois Lowe—Worker	1956
Florence Pierce—Worker	1959
Clara Skinner—Worker	1955
Josephine Zobka—Worker	1957

88th Commencement

OF THE

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

June 11

1959

Lawrence Memorial Hall

8:00 P. M.

GRADUATES

Dorothy Kay Allen
Diane Constance Belmont
Beverly Ann Bukowski
Wayne Neilson Cochran
Brian Francis Crimmins
Patricia Ann Desmarais
Doreen Demetropoulos
Constance Ann Dube
Chester Francis Dzwonkowski, Jr.
Jack Albert Fitts
Jane Flaherty
John Frank Fleming
David E. Fournier
Suzanne Marie Greenan
Raymond Nelson Hill
Ramona Marie Horta
Alice Pearl Hubbard
Jack Hulmes, Jr.
Edward Ford Kirby
Irene Rolande Lepine
Robert George Marshall
Marian Alberta Martin
Karen Patricia Noel
Carl Edward Peterson
Janice Phaneuf
Jane Mary Pietryka
Elaine Grace Purrington
Charles Phillips Rathbun
Michael John Reid
Michael Stanley Ribeiro
Robert Russell
Matthew John Sliwa, Jr.
Kenneth Houghton Snow
Beverly Jane Sporbert
Donald Fred Terry
Francis Edward Walsh, Jr.
Barbara Sue Wilson
Theresa Ann Zobka

PROGRAM

Processional		Joyce Juskalian Accompanist
Invocation		Rev. Marvin Green
Song:	"I Will Extol Thee" Senior Girls	*J. C. Wohlfeil*
Salutatory		Doreen Demetropoulos
Songs:	"Days of Youth" "O, Brother Man" Juniors and Seniors	*Fenstad & Colcord* *Whittier & Ringwald*
Valedictory		Barbara Wilson
Song:	"One God" Brian Crimmins	*Ervin Drake*
Introduction of speaker of the evening		Carl J. Peterson Superintendent
Address		Belding F. Jackson (B. H. S. '17) Assistant Principal, Springfield Technical High School
Police Association Award		Donald Geer
Lions Club Scholarship		Arlan V. Skinner
Arnold C. Martinelli, Jr., Memorial Scholarships		Mrs. Francis P. Loftus
Holland Family Award in memory of Elizabeth H. and Nelson C. Holland		
Presentation of Class to School Committee		Guy E. Harrington Principal of High School
Awarding of Diplomas		Fitzhugh L. Turner Chairman School Committee
Song:	"Lovely Appear" Junior and Seniors	*Charles Gounod*
Benediction		Rev. Marvin Green
Recessional		

Songs directed by Mrs. Clara P. Cook
Accompanist, Joyce Juskalian

Report of Finance Committee

FOR 1959

and

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1960

Citizens of Belchertown:

Time has a way of making people accept existence of legally established bodies and practices while forgetting or becoming uncertain of the reasons for their being. Also, some new residents are perhaps unfamiliar by background to the less obvious facets of New England Town Government. For such reasons this committee believes a summary statement of its powers and responsibilities is helpful to general understanding.

"Every town whose valuation . . . exceeds one million dollars shall . . . provide for the election or the appointment and duties of appropriation, . . . finance committees, who shall consider any or all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports or recommendations to the town, . . . "

" . . . such committee . . . shall submit a budget at the annual town meeting."

"To provide for extraordinary or unforeseen expenditures a town may at an annual town meeting appropriate a sum not exceeding five percent of the tax levy of the preceding year, to be known as the Reserve Fund. No direct drafts against this fund may be made, but transfers from the fund may from time to time be voted by the Finance Committee of the town, . . . ; and the Town Accountant . . . shall make such transfers accordingly."

In keeping with these definitions your committee met many times during 1959, prior to every Special Town Meeting and as occasioned by requests for transfers by various town departments. We itemize such transfers as follows:

RESERVE FUND, DECEMBER 31, 1959

APPROPRIATION				$6,000.00
Transfers				
Aug.	5	Elections & Registrations	$ 80.00	
	27	Printing Town Reports	92.00	
	27	Interest Account	59.46	
Sept.	2	Cemeteries	150.00	
	24	Dutch Elm	350.00	
	30	Selectmen, Expense	150.00	
Oct.	13	Town Accountant, Expense	20.00	
	13	Highways - Chapter 90 M	.01	
Nov.	2	Highways - Chapter 81	1,000.00	
	14	Treasurer, Expense	80.00	
	14	Tax Collector, Expense	90.00	
Dec.	23	Town Dump	40.00	
	23	Tree Warden	80.00	
	23	Memorial Hall	40.00	
	23	Blue Cross-Blue Shield	220.99	
	23	School Dept., Instruction	1,050.00	
	23	School Dept., Transportation	165.00	
	31	Law	235.00	
	31	Old Town Hall	10.00	
	31	Police Dept.	53.67	3,966.13
		Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1959		$2,033.87

The Committee reorganized with three new members shortly after the latters' appointment by the Board of Selectmen. An innovation was initiated at that time, wherein two-man sub-committees were named for each major budget catagory, (General Government, Protection of Persons and Property, etc:) with such sub-committees to investigate in detail any financial questions arising within such catagories and reporting to the whole committee its findings. By this means it is felt that your 1959 Finance Committee has been able to do a much more thorough job at discharging its responsibilities and can strongly and confidently support its recommendations regarding articles in the 1960 Warrant, and its proposed budget therein.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS, 1960 WARRENT:

Art. 1. Appointments of Almoners and Trustee, Special Fund.
No recommendation.

Art. 2. Reports of Officers and Committees.
No recommendation.

Art. 3. Dog License Fund to Library.
Recommended.

Art. 4. Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance.
Recommended that $7,000.00 be raised and appropriated and $28,325.00 be transferred from Available Funds.

Art. 5. Chapter 90 Highway Construction.
Recommended that $3,000.00 be raised and appropriated and $12,000.00 be transferred from Available Funds.

Art. 6. Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance.
Recommended that $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated and $5,000.00 be transferred from Available Funds.

Art. 7. Wage Rates, Trees, Sewers and Cemetery Department.
Recommended Tree Warden to work at $1.75 per hour and Sewer Commissioners at $1.50 per hour, maximum.
Recommend Cemetery Commissioners reorganize as administrative body only, with salaries as set in General Budget (Art. 18), and that all cemetery work be done under low bid contracts with specifications.

Art. 8. Short Term Note—Treasurer's Authorization.
Recommended.

Art. 9. Transfer $3,500.00 Road Machinery Account to Expense Account.
Recommended. This figure is reduced by $1,000.00 from last year by re-classification of Garage up-keep funds to Municipal Buildings, General Budget.

Art. 10. Petitions for improvements, various streets.
Recommended, raise and appropriate $1,200.00 Hamilton Street, $400.00 Railroad Street, $700.00 Shea Avenue, $1,200.00 Boardman Street, $400.00 Cold Spring Road, $900.00 South Washington Street, $800.00 Gold Street, $400.00 George Hannum Road

and $900.00 Warren Wright Road. Except as these may include mail and school bus routes these figures represent estimates to only complete such portions as already started, (i.e., black topping where already filled and graded). Refer to Article 25. Recommend Federal Street unsafe condition be corrected using Chapter 81 Funds. Recommend tabling of petition for Sabin Street and Dressel Avenue.

Art. 11. Sidewalks Improvement.
Recommended $500.00 each be raised and appropriated for Franklin, North Washington and Jabish Streets, and Mill Valley Road.

Art. 12. Typewriter for Accountant and Selectmen.
Recommended raise and appropriate $212.00 for purchase.

Art. 13. Drainage system, South and South Liberty Streets.
Recommended article be tabled. Legal counsel has advised town not liable. Job as proposed estimated at $20,000.00.

Art. 14. Sewerage System, Franklin, Bardwell and Keyes Street.
Recommended Selectmen appoint committee to investigate and report at next Annual Meeting.

Art. 15. Street Lighting, Federal and Stebbins Streets and Bay Road.
Recommended at annual cost for electricity totalling $1,300.00. Increase in population density in this area justifies. Raise and appropriate.

Art. 16. Acceptance of Fuller Street.
Recommended.

Art. 17. Purchase of Police Cruiser.
Recommended raise and appropriate $3,000.00.

Art. 18. General Budget.

General Government—(Up 19%; 4.09% of total)

Item	*Expended* *1959*	*Requested* *1960*	*Recommended* *1690*
1. Moderator Expenses	$ 0.00	$ 25.00	$ 25.00
2. Finance Comm. Expenses	47.50	75.00	75.00
3. Selectmen:			
Salaries—Chmn.	375.00	575.00	475.00
Other Mem.	325.00	.500.00	400.00

	Other Mem.	325.00	500.00	400.00
	Expenses	349.40	350.00	350.00
4.	Accountant:			
	Salary	800.00	900.00	900.00
	Expenses	66.98	75.00	75.00
5.	Treasurer			
	Salary	1,600.00	1,600.00	1,600.00
	Expenses	873.36	1,015.00	1,015.00
6.	Clerk			
	Salary	900.00	900.00	900.00
	Expenses	314.81	462.50	460.00
7.	Collector			
	Salary	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
	Expenses	1,102.02	1,165.00	1,165.00
8.	Assessors			
	Salaries—Chmn.	500.00	500.00	200.00
	Other Mem.	400.00	400.00	175.00
	Other Mem.	400.00	400.00	175.00
	Expenses & Wages	1,836.91	1,990.00	2,450.00
9.	Law—Expenses	657.00	500.00	500.00
10.	Elections & Registrations	871.48	2,000.00	2,000.00
11.	Planning Board Expenses	49.27	500.00	500.00
12.	Municipal Buildings:			
	Old Town Hall	908.00	900.00	900.00
	Lawrence Memorial	531.01	500.00	500.00
	Town Garage		1,000.00	1,000.00
13.	Veterans Quarters	102.49		
	General Govn't. Totals	$15336.11	$18,832.50	$18,240.00

COMMENTS—GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Item 8 — Assessors

The special character and great increase in work load necessitated by the new evaluation system requires a reappraisal of this department's budget. Recognizing the great difference in total time devoted by the various individuals we consider past salaries high as basis to which wages are added. Our recommendations, therefore, are for lower salaries commensurate with general Board administrative demands and more wages, to be apportioned according to detailed work time demands.

Budgets of the past two years have reflected a significant amount of time still required to establish the evaluation system, as opposed strictly to its maintenance. The Committee feels justified at this time to reduce the requested total budget ($153 over 1959) by approximately 9%.

Item 11 — Planning Board

The $49.27 expended 1959 represents only nominal board expenses. $150.00 has been appropriated each year for several years with carry-over provision; 1959-end balance was $1,125.56. Town mapping, essential to long term planning and to implementation of the Zoning By-law, has been initiated. Approximately $450.00 of the $500.00 recommended is intended, with the carry-over, to complete this mapping. Continuing annual appropriations of $300.00 to $500.00 will be required to keep the mapping and over-all system current.

Item 12 — Municipal Buildings

Town Garage—Before, this building has been poorly maintained using Road Machinery Expense Funds. It will be more highlighted here under Municipal Buildings. Besides normal operating costs the $1,000.00 should cover a badly needed exterior painting.

Item 13 — Veterans Quarters

See Article 27

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY (Down 1%; 3.65% of total)

	Item	*Expended 1959*	*Requested 1960*	*Recommended 1960*
14.	Police	$ 5,452.86	$ 5,400.00	$ 5,400.00
15.	Fire	2,975.00	2,975.00	2,975.00
16.	Forest Fires	1,685.36	1,700.00	1,700.00
17.	Hydrant Service	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
18.	Sealer of Weights & Measrs.	100.00	120.00	120.00
19.	Inspector of Wiring	300.00	300.00	300.00
20.	Civil Defense	648.93	1,225.00	600.00
21.	Water Storage Holes (Fire)		300.00	300.00
22.	Tree Services			
	Tree Warden			
	Expenses & Wages	1,277.55	1,400.00	1,200.00
	Insect Pest Control	598.17	600.00	600.00
	Dutch Elm Disease	1,495.95	1,500.00	1,200.00

23. Building Inspector	300.00	300.00	300.00
Protection Totals	$16,333.82	$17,320.00	$16,195.00

COMMENTS — PROTECTION PERSONS & PROPERTY

Item 14 — Police

This budget covers normal wages, maintenance and expenses only. A new police cruiser is also requested (Art. 17).

Item 21 — Water Holes

This budget carries over. Approximately at 3 year intervals the cumulative total is expended on the cleaning and construction of such holes for fire protection. No work was done in 1959. The year-end balance was $939.19.

Item 22 — Tree Services

Tree Warden Expenses—The $200.00 difference between requested and recommended is for tree planting. Recommend planting in tree belts be left to the abuttors.

Dutch Elm Disease—The recommended budget is a compromise between the town's legal liability ($703.86) and the State recommendation ($1,500.00)

Item 20 — Civil Defense

This organization has been greatly compromised by drastic reductions in the budget and scope at State level. Without strong back-up there, ours is largely restricted to local emergencies. The $600 recommended allows for a Director's salary of $300, and $300. for nominal expenses and purchases of surplus items useful in emergencies or disasters.

HEALTH & SANITATION (Up 2%; 2.75% of total)

Item	*Expended* *1959*	*Requested* *1960*	*Recommended* *1960*
24. Board of Health			
Salaries: Chmn.	150.00	150.00	150.00
Other Mem.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Other Mem.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Expenses	2,249.38	1,275.00	1,275.00
25. Sewers			
Comm. Salaries	350.00	350.00	350.00
Expenses	2,569.90	4,750.00	3,800.00
Filter Bed Repair (⅓)	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
26. Town Dump	385.00	375.00	375.00

	Health & Sanitation Totals	$11,904.28	$13,100.00	$12,150.00

COMMENTS — HEALTH & SANITATION

Item 25 — Sewers

Filter Bed Repairs—This $6,000.00 is the last of three such payments to the Commonwealth for the Town's share of repairs to the State School Filter Beds resulting from the great quantities of ground waters entering from the Town's system.

HIGHWAYS & SIDEWALKS (Up 7%; 4.18% of total)

	Item	*Expended*	*Requested*	*Recommended*
		1959	*1960*	*1960*
27.	Highways, general	1,799.78	4,300.00	4,300.00
28.	Bridges	2,447.71	3,900.00	3,900.00
29.	Snow Removal	8,979.30	6,000.00	6,000.00
30.	Sidewalks-Maintenance	236.70	250.00	250.00
31.	Street Lights	4,009.08	4,177.00	4,200.00
	Highways & Sidewalks Totals	$17,472.57	$18,627.00	$18,650.00

COMMENTS — HIGHWAYS & SIDEWALKS

These items do not include monies and work done under Chapter 81, Chapter 90 Construction, or Chapter 90 Maintenance. These are covered by separate articles.

Item 27. Highways, General — This budget includes for 1960 $2,500.00 additional to re-establish an effective brush-cutting program.

Item 28. Bridges — The $1,400.00 increase recommended allows for purchase of a supply of posts ($300.) proper for guard rail use, in contrast to some of the junk lumber used in recent instances. It also covers two culverts on Boardman Street ($1,500.), ditching on Federal Street ($300.), and guard rails (300.).

Item 30. Sidewalks — Maintenance — Recent concrete sidewalk repairs have been made with asphalt patches, servicable but unsightly. It is recommended that future repairs be made with materials similar in color and texture to the sidewalks concerned.

CHARITIES & RELIEF (Down 1%; 8.73% of total)

	Item	*Expended*	*Requested*	*Recommended*
		1959	*1960*	*1960*
32.	Board of Public Welfare			

	Salaries: Chmn. $175 2 at 125.	425.00	425.00	425.00
	Welfare District	1,606.12	1,619.24	1,620.00
	General Relief	1,018.36	1,200.00	1,200.00
	Old Age Assistance	35,349.90	33,000.00	33,000.00
	Disability Assistance	299.50	500.00	500.00
	Aid, Dependent Children	643.85	2,250.00	2,000.00
	Charities & Relief Totals	$39,342.73	$38,994.24	$38,745.00

VETERANS DEPARTMENT (Up 21%; 1.19% of total)..

33.	Veterans Agent			
	Salary	300.00	300.00	300.00
	Benefits & Expenses	4,068.48	5,000.00	5,000.00
	Veterans Department	$ 4,368.48	$ 5,300.00	$ 5,300.00

SCHOOLS (Up 10%; 63.32% of total)

34.	General Control	11,616.75	12,920.00	12,920.00
	Instruction	154,389.86	168,780.00	168,780.00
	Operation	25,313.92	26,500.00	26,500.00
	Maintenance	7,150.00	8,000.00	8,000.00
	Transportation	33,443.87	35,400.00	35,400.00
	Health	4,725.17	5,145.00	5,145.00
	Miscellaneous	989.67	1,240.00	1,240.00
	Household Arts	5,897.08	6,380.00	6,380.00
	Capital Outlay	1,565.85	4,050.00	4,050.00
	Library	594.83	680.00	680.00
		$245,687.00	$269,095.00	$269,095.00
	Vocational Education	10,653.76	13,160.00	13,160.00
	School & Voc. Ed. Totals	$256,340.76	$282,255.00	$282,255,00

It may appear that the Finance Committee accepted the School Committee's budget with no questions or disagreements since requested and recommended figures are the same. This largest individual town budget has been most thoroughly reviewed by your Finance Committee in a series of meetings beginning in early December. The resultant individual budget figures have been discussed at great length *while in preparation*, and we stand fully behind them.

Salaries — By State law, teachers' minimum pay will be increased from $3,600.00 to $4,000.00 next September. This necessitates general cross-the-board increases to preserve the basic salary schedule as presented in 1959 and accepted by the Town. Total Salary (all personnel) increase include $7,892.00 for full year application of last year's grants. $5,461.00 for 1960 grants mostly effective 9/1/1960 (full year significance approximately instructional and clerical $12,000.) and $3,532. for projected staff additions. A Guidance Counselor is not included in the request.

Other significant increases are recommended in Maintenance and Capital Outlay budgets, made necessary by past failures to allow sufficiently for acceptable up-keep and by substantial increases in student enrollment.

LIBRARY (Up 19%; 0.22% of total)

Item	*Expended 1959*	*Requested 1960*	*Recommended 1960*
35. Clapp Memorial Library (Plus dog license refund) ($748.07 in 1959)	$724.52		$1,000.00

COMMENTS — LIBRARY

Even while the voters rose to an impromtu suggestion at the 1959 Appropriation Meeting to increase the Library budget ($700.00 to $1,000.00) and received also the surplus from Dog License Fees, the Library Committee spent only $1,472.59. As in past years they submitted no budget request for 1960. It would appear that the Committee, not the Town, needs an awakening of interest. The Finance Committee stands ready to support library improvement, where much cultural and indeed utilitarian benefit can accrue at little cost. In lieu of a request, the same figure as passed in 1959 is recommended.

PARKS, BEACH & RECREATION (Up 12%; 0.21% of total)

Item	*Expended 1959*	*Requested 1960*	*Recommended 1960*
36. Parsons Memorial Field	340.20	350.00	350.00
37. Town Common	190.76	250.00	250.00
38. Summer Recreation	320.68	350.00	350.00
Parks, Beach & Rec. Totals	$851.64	$950.00	$950.00

CEMETERIES (Up 15%; 0.65% of total)

Item	*Expended 1959*	*Requested 1960*	*Recommended 1960*
39. Comm. Salaries Chmn. $125.00			

Others 100.00 ea.			325.00
General Care—Expenses	1,555.67	2,525.00	1,600.00
Soldiers Graves	200.00	200.00	200.00
Perpetual Care Income	775.00	775.00	775.00
Cemeteries, Totals	$ 1,755.67*	$ 2,725.00*	$ 2,125.00*

*Excluding P.C.I.; raise and appropriate only.

COMMENT — CEMETERIES — See Article 7.

PENSIONS — (Up 16%; 0.79% of total)

40. Town Employee Members	$ 3,056.98	$ 3,539.88	$ 3,539.88

INSURANCE (Up 17%; 3.12% of total)

41. General Insurance	8,369.14	8,846.42	9,000.00
Health Ins. (Town Share)	2,691.92	4,005.72	4,010.00
Life Ins. (Town Share)	809.20	864.96	870.00
Insurance, Totals	$11,870.26	$13,717.10	$13,880.00

COMMENT — INSURANCE (General Insurance) Anticipatory to approval Article 27, allowance for Town Treasurer's bonding increased to cover additional month.

UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS (Up 17%; 0.42% of total)

42. Memorial Day Services	195.84	200.00	200.00
Veterans' Day Services	53.00	60.00	60.00
Town Clock	100.00	100.00	100.00
Town Report	992.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
Reserve Fund (from Overlay Reserve)	3,966.13	6,000.00	6,000.00
Misc. Unclassified	246.71	500.00	500.00
Unclassified Totals (Less Reserve Fund)	$ 1,587.55	$ 1,860.00	$ 1,860.00

MATURING DEBT & INTEREST (Down 3%; 6.68% of total)

43. Sewer Loans, Prin. 1949/52	3,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00
School Loans, Prin. 1952	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Sewer Loans, Interest	725.00	650.00	650.00

School Loans, Interest	5,780.00	5,355.00	5,355.00
Temporary Notes, Interest	1,064.46	1,100.00	650.00
Debt & Interest Totals	$30,569.46	$30,105.00	$29,655.00
GRAND TOTALS			
ALL CATAGORIES	$411,514.83	$447,325.72	$444,544.88

(To be raised and appropriated.)

Art. 19. Rescind Action Art. 7 Special Town Meeting 9/29/59.
Recommended.

Art. 20. Check Cancelling Machine.
Recommended raise and appropriate $325.00 for perforating type cancelling machine. Town financial transactions totalling nearly half-million dollars justifies security precaution.

Art. 21. Bi-centennial Committtee.
Recommended with $500.00 raise and appropriate to defer expenses.

Art. 22. Town Report Committee.
Recommended with proviso this Committee include one member of 1960 Finance Committee and that future Town Reports be published in two volumes. One volume to include the annual town warrant, and Finance Committee's Report only, with general distribution; the other to contain all other information as deemed necessary for record purposes, with limited distribution.

Art. 23. Committee to Investigate Town Manager Government.
Recommended.

Art. 24. Wages — Board of Assessors.
Recommended — see comments in budget.

Art. 25. Committee to Recommend Road Improvement Program.
Recommended.

Art. 26. 1959 Unpaid Bills.
Recommended raise and appropriate for following items:

Socony Mobile Oil Co.	$108.57
R. C. Gay	24.00
Philorene Radio Comm. Co.	53.62

Ernest M. Gay, Telephone Bill	9.72
Morse & Morse	12.65
	$208.56

Committee advised by Selectmen, City of Boston bill for $36.00 out of order and should not be paid. Finance committee transferred $53.67 to Police (budget exhausted) on 12/31/59. Constables cautioned annually to keep within budget voted and to bill in time for payment within year.

Art. 27. Move Back Annual Town Meeting.
Recommended Belchertown's present schedule one of earliest in Commonwealth, allows insufficient time for budgetary review and publishing of reports.

Art. 28. Location of Official Bulletin Boards.
Recommended, with the inclusion of $200.00 raise and appropriate for installation of such boards at places specified.

Art. 29. Acceptance of Kimball Cemetery.
Not recommended.

Art. 30. American Legion Building Allowance.
Recommended $300.00 raise and appropriate. Believed consistent with past sustaining intent of Town, where previously $400.00 has been voted annually under enabling act authorizing towns to make such grants for rental of quarters all veterans' organizations.

Art. 31. Insurance Reserve Transfer.
Recommended.

Art. 32. Other business.
No recommendation.

CONCLUSION

Passage of the Budget and other money articles as recommended by this Committee will result in a total sum of $470,090.44 to be raised and appropriated, as compared to a like figure of $431,589.00 for the year 1959. The Board of Assessors advises that each $6,500.00 increase in appropriations over 1959 will raise the tax rate approximately one dollar, or require them to find $180,000.00 in additional valuations. Discounting the latter as an unknown entity at this time, we may assume the $38,501.00 increase, (less a correction of $2,589.18 in estimated State receipts for schools) will raise the rate a maximum of $5.50 per 1000, bringing the total to

$44.50 per 1000.

J. F. FLANAGAN, *Chairman*
S. J. HARRINGTON
K. THAYER
D. A. STAPLES
W. G. WHITLOCK

Town Warrant

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
FEBRUARY 1 AND 8, 1960

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To any of the constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday, the first day of February, A. D. 1960, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Tree Warden, and five Constables, each for one year; a Selectman, a School Committee Member, an Assessor, a Sewer Commissioner, a Cemetery Commissioner, each for three years; two Board of Health Members, one for two years and one for three years; one Planning Board Member for five years.

The polls will be open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at eight o'clock in the evening.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown, on Monday, the eighth day of February, A. D. 1960, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year: one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear the reports of the officers of the town and of any committee that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, Program of 1960, on Chauncey D. Walker Street (Route 21)—Turkey Hill Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, not to exceed the following hourly rates:

Cemetery Commissioners	$1.50 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	1.50 per hour
Tree Warden	1.75 per hour

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will autthorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1960, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $3,500.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Hamilton Street
Railroad Street
Shea Avenue
Boardman Road
Cold Spring Road
South Street
South Washington Street
Gold Street
Hannum Road—$2,000.00
Federal Street
Warren Wright Road
Dressel Avenue
Sabin Street

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a a sum of money for the improvement of sidewalks on the following streets, all public ways:

Franklin Street

North Washington Street
Jabish Street
Mill Valley Road
or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to purchase a new typewriter for the use of the town accountant and selectmen, or take any action in relation thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide for an adequate drainage system from the intersection of South Street and South Liberty Street and to continue on the Three Rivers Road to the Palmer town line, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of a sewerage disposal system on Franklin Street, Bardwell Street and Keyes Street or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide for lighting on the following streets:
Federal Street—16 - 1000 Lumen Lamps at an annual cost of $400.
Stebbins Street—12 - 1000 Lumen Lamps at an annual cost of $300.
Bay Road—24 - 1000 Lumen Lamps at an annual cost of $600.
or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to accept from George B. and Beverly M. Jackson a newly laid out street known as Fuller Street extending north-easterly from the Three Rivers Road a distance of nine hundred and eleven (911) feet and fifty (50) feet wide as shown on Plan of 17448-E a sub-division of Lot 8 in Plan 17448-C, Massachusetts Land Court certificate No. 322, together with a parcel of land indicated as "Rt. of Way" on Plan 17448-C called Road and extending north-easterly from the end of Fuller Street to distance of two hundred and thirty (230) feet to the Bondsville Road and further that Lots 8 and 18 shall retain the right to drain surface water into the storm drain system presently installed in Fuller Street, and further that this street shall be accepted as a public highway and designated as Fuller Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a cruiser to be used by the Police Department.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current fiscal year, and act thereon.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to rescind action taken on Article 7 at the special town meeting of September 29, 1959, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a hand operated, cancelling, receipting machine. Said machine to be of the perforating, dating type, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 21. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Bicentennial Committee, composed of five members; also to raise and appropriate a sum of money for expenses of said committee for planning the program, publicity, etc., or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Town Report Committee composed of five members to take any steps necessary to make our town report more attractive and concise, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 23. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee, composed of three members, to investigate the Town Manager form of Government, and that this committee make its report at the next annual town meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 24. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Assessors to be paid for additional work required maintaining our present assessment system, at the rate of $2.00 per hour, not to exceed the amount included in the expenses for the Assessors, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 25. To see if the town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee composed of three persons to survey and recomment a road improvement program, paying particular attention to

School Bus and Mail Routes, said committee to make its report at our next annual meeting, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1959:

Socony-Mobil Oil Company, Inc.—Highway Dept.	$108.57
R. C. Gay, Plowing Sidewalks—Highway Dept.	24.00
Philorene Radio Comm. Co.—Police Dept.	53.62
Francis P. Loftus—Police Dept.	56.25
Andrew Sears—Police Dept.	8.22
Adam Antonovitch—Police Dept.	42.50
Ernest M. Gay, Telephone Bill—Police Dept.	9.72
Morse & Morse, Attys. at Law—Law	12.65
City of Boston—Veterans Services	36.00
	$351.53

Art. 27. To see if the town will vote to amend that by-law passed on February 9, 1925, and approved by the Attorney General on March 26, 1925, providing for the annual Town Meeting for the election of town officers to be held on the first Monday in February in each year and the annual meeting for appropriations and action upon articles in the Town Warrant to be held on the second Monday in February in each year, to provide for the annual town meeting for the election of town officers to be held on the first Monday in March in each year commencing with the year 1961, and to provide for the annual meeting for appropriations and action upon articles in the town warrant to be held on the second Monday in March in each year commencing with the year 1961.

Art. 28. To see if the town will vote to accept the locations of official bulletin boards as recommended by the Board of Registrars of Voters: Center, Lawrence Memorial Hall; northerly, Union School at Dwight, Junction of Bay Road and Metacomet Streets; southerly, Keyes and Depot Streets, intersection of South and South Liberty Streets; westerly, Junction of Turkey Hill and Rockrimmon Roads, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 29. To see if the town will vote to accept what is now known as the Kimball Cemetery located off Kimball Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 30. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $300 to pay the Chauncey D. Walker Post 239, American Legion, Inc., as an allowance for maintaining the present Legion Home, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 31. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $884.02 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 32. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at the Town Hall, one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, one at Union School at Dwight, and one at Keyes Hotel at South Belchertown, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 16th day of January, A. D. 1960.

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
RAYMOND C. GAY
CHARLES F. AUSTIN
Selectmen of Belchertown

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Town Officers, 1960

ELECTED

Name	*Office*	*Term Expires*
	MODERATOR	
Henry Renouf		March 1960
	TOWN CLERK	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		March 1960
	SELECTMEN AND BOARD OF WELFARE	
Raymond C. Gay		March 1962
Charles F. Austin		March 1961
Walter Tolpa, Jr.		March 1963
	TREASURER	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		March 1961
	TAX AND TOWN COLLECTOR	
Robert D. Camp, Sr.		March 1962
	SCHOOL COMMITTEE	
Harold W. Willey		March 1961
Phillis W. Flaherty		March 1962
Andrew G. Ketchen		March 1963
	PLANNING BOARD	
George B. Jackson		March 1961
Henry Renouf		March 1962
Milton R. Locke		March 1963
William E. Aldrich		March 1964
Raymond V. Burke		March 1965
	CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS	
Lincoln A. Cook		March 1961
Harvey A. Lincourt		March 1962
Elwyn H. Bock		March 1963

ASSESSORS

Elliott S. Cordner	March 1961
Romeo J. Joyal	March 1962
Harold B. Ketchen	March 1963

SEWER COMMISSIONERS

Helen L. Papp	March 1961
D. Donald Hazen	March 1962
Milton C. Baggs	March 1963

TREE WARDEN

Albert W. Brown	March 1961

BOARD OF HEALTH

Kenneth L. Collard, M. D.	March 1961
Catherine L. Austin, R. N.	March 1962
Raymond C. Gay	March 1963

ALMONERS OF WHITING STREET AND MRS. SUSAN M. D. BRIDGMAN FUNDS

Ruth B. Fuller	March 1961
Sophia M. Pero	March 1961

TRUSTEES OF CALVIN D. BRIDGMAN FUND

D. Donald Hazen	March 1961
Lewis H. Blackmer	March 1962
George A. Poole	March 1963

CONSTABLES

Adam L. Antonovitch	March 1961
Ernest M. Gay	March 1961
Frank P. Loftus	March 1961
Andrew T. Sears	March 1961
Herbert E. Squires	March 1961

APPOINTED OFFICERS

Appointed by Selectmen

TOWN ACCOUNTANT

Fanny G. Morey	December 1, 1961

CHIEF OF POLICE

Ernest M. Gay	March 1961

DEPUTY CHIEF OF POLICE

Andrew T. Sears	March 1961

CHIEF OF FIRE DEPARTMENT

Louis E. Fuller	March 1961

FOREST WARDEN

Louis E. Fuller	March 1961

FINANCE COMMITTEE

David A. Staples	March 1961
Stanford J. Harrington	March 1961
Kenneth Thayer	March 1962
William G. Whitlock	March 1962
Joseph Flanagan—Resigned, Sep. 27, 1960	
Sidney W.Wheeler—Portion of J. Flanagan term	March 1961

REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Raymond T. Beaudoin (Dem.)	March 1961
Doris M. Dickinson (Rep.) Balance of unexpired term	March 1962
Roy G. Shaw (Rep.)—Resigned Oct. 1960	
Gertrude E. Riley	March 1963

SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Joseph A. Kulig	March 1961

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Raymond C. Gay	March 1961

VETERANS' AGENT

Helen L. Papp	Resigned
Frank J. Kosiba	March 1961

MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

Albert W. Brown	March 1961

APPEALS BOARD

Frederick Owen	March 1961
Robert T. Braden—Non-resident, removed1960	
Aubrey Lapolice	March 1962
W. Ira Shattuck	March 1962
Thaddeus Bodzinski	March 1962
James Baker	March 1962
Harold E. Mellin, Jr.	March 1963

(Note) Town Clerk has not received resignations of members. It is not known officially how many members now hold office.

DOG OFFICER

Wallace F. Chevalier	March 1961

INSPECTOR OF WIRING

Walter J. Henry, Jr.	March 1961

BUILDING INSPECTOR

Ernest Ducharme	March 1961

CIVIL DEFENSE DIRECTOR

Frank J. Kosiba (Acting)	
Chairman, Board of Selectmen	By virtue of office

TRUSTEE FOR HAMPSHIRE CO. AID TO AGRICULTURE

Robert E. Hanifin	March 1961

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Donald M. Terry	March 1961
Raymond C. Gay	March 1961

FENCE VIEWERS

Joseph E. T. Mercier	March 1961
David E. Fournier	March 1961
Adam L. Antonovitch	March 1961
Roy Whidden	March 1961

FIELD DRIVERS

(No appointments)

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Walter Tolpa, Jr.	March 1961
Joseph Tolpa	March 1961
Earl Howland	March 1961

POLICE OFFICERS

Adam L. Antonovitch	March 1961
Ernest M. Gay	March 1t961
Frank P. Loftus	March 1961
Andrew T. Sears	March 1961
Herbert E. Squires	March 1961

SCHOOL TRAFFIC OFFICERS

Mabel Depot	March 1961
A. Preston Atwood	March 1961
Earle H. Whitehouse	March 1961
Elizabeth M. McCallum	March 1961

SPECIAL POLICE

Thomas P. Feeney	March 1961
Henry A. Tadgell, M. D.—Retired August 1, 1960	
Francis J. Longtine	March 1961
Lawrence P. Bowser, M. D.—Unexpired term	March 1961

SPECIAL POLICE

Robert Anderson	March 1961
James Baker	March 1961
Lester Beaudoin	March 1961
Randolph Brown	March 1961
Edward Czech	March 1961
Merton Pratt	March 1961
William Squires	March 1961
Chester Dzwonkowski	March 1961

BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE

Mrs. E. F. Shumway
Mrs. Bernard Bowler
Mrs. Harry Boyle
Frederick Lincoln
Byron Hudson

TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE

Mrs. C. V. Morey
John Nelson
John Collis
W. G. Whitlock
Byron Hudson

FEASIBILITY OF UNITED FUND CAMPAIGN

Andrew G. Ketchen
Kenneth L. Collard, M. D.
Arlan Skinner

SCHOOL BUILDING COMMITTEE (High School)

Isaac A. Hodgen
Arlan Skinner
Joseph A. Austin
Andrew G. Ketchen
Raymond V. Burke
Joseph Flanagan
Herbert Wood
Carl J. Peterson, ex officio—by vote of town meeting, Sept. 8, 1960

SPECIAL POLICE, DURATION BELCHERTOWN FAIR, 1960

Charles F. Austin
Nelson Hill
W. Paige Piper
Isaac A. Hodgen
W. S. Piper
A. Preston Atwood
Donald M. Terry
Stanley Antonovitch

APPOINTED BY TOWN MODERATOR

Committee to Investigate Town Manager Form of Government

Stanford J. Harington, Ch.
Belding F. Jacksn
Harold Willey

Committee to Investigate Highway

Michael S. Mathras, Ch.
Frederick Lincoln
Theodore Soja

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF HEALTH

INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Francis M. Austin, V. M. D.	March 1961

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Clarence Hubbard	Dceased
Andrew G. Ketchen—Unexpired term	Resigned
Melvin Andrews—Unexpired term	March 1961

Jonh A. Brickett—Sanitation advisor	March 1961
Doris S. Squires—Report Clerk	March 1961
Henry A. Tadgell, M. D.—Special Agent at B. S. S.	Retired
Lawrence P. Bowser, M. D.—Unexpired term	March 1961

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF REGISTRARS

ASSISTANT REGISTRARS

Edward Czech	March 1961
Adam L. Antonovitch	March 1961
Frank P. Loftus	March 1961
Randolph Brown	March 1961
Robert Anderson	March 1961
Herbert E. Squires	March 1961
Andrew T. Sears	March 1961
James T. Baker	March 1961
Lester Beaudoin	March 1961
Chester F. Dzwonkowski	March 1961
Merton Pratt	March 1961
Margaret S. Kirby	March 1961

APPOINTMENT BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE

William F. Kimball, Jr.—School Attendance Officer	March 1961

APPOINTMENTS BY BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Limited to Belchertown State School

MEASURERS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Aubrey D. Lapolice	March 1961
John B. Nadeau	March 1961
Nelson Hill	March 1961

PUBLIC WEIGHERS

Earl G. D. Allis	March 1961
John C. Carr	March 1961
Randolph H. Brown	March 1961
John E. Davis	March 1961
John T. Flaherty	March 1961

Julius Goodman	March 1961
C. Lawrence Rhodes	March 1961
Francis J. Longtine	March 1961
Leon M. Hislop	March 1961
H. Conrad Kirby	March 1961
Aubrey D. Lapolice	March 1961
Nelson Hill	March 1961
Maurice McLean	March 1961
Donald Morey	March 1961
Daniel P. Shea	March 1961
Wendell C. McGinnis	March 1961
Walter F. McKillop	March 1961
John B. Nadeau	March 1961
Pietro Panciera	March 1961
Douglas Rhodes	March 1961
Theodore Picard	March 1961
Chester J. Sosnowski	March 1961
Charles W. Kern	March 1961

JURORS DRAWN FOR DUTY DURING 1960

January 4, 1960	
Robert C. Dunbar	Grand Juror
Helen Robinson	Traverse Juror
John Milner	Traverse Juror
April 28, 1960	
William E. Aldrich	Traverse Juror
Henry Renouf	Traverse Juror
August 25, 1960	
Ruby V. Andrews	Traverse Juror
Stanley Kulig	Traverse Juror
December 29, 1960	
Carl E. White	Grand Juror
Ethel Corliss	Traverse Juror

List of Jurors

FOR 1960

Guy C. Allen, Jr.	So. Main Street	Master Plumber
Robert G. Anderson	C. Walker Street	Farmer
Joseph F. Austin	West Street	Dairy Farmer
Philip R. Barnes	Federal Street	Maintenance
Kenneth F. Bristol	Cottage Street	Mechanic
Randolph H. Brown	No. Main Street	Maintenancce Man
Raymond G. Dana	C. Walker Street	Setter
Peter Demetropoulos	Mill.Valley Rd.	Field Civil Engineer
Harvey M. Dickinson	So. Main Street	Plastic Worker
Raymond C. Gay	Main Street	Trucker
Royal K. Gay	No. Main Street	Truck Driver
Fred Goodrich	Federal Street	Storekeeper
Charles F. Howard	Jackson Street	Machinist
Blake S. Jackson	No. Washington Street	Broker
Frank J. Kosiba	Federal Street	Interviewer
Joseph Labrie	Federal Street	Heat Treater
Raymond P. Lagrant	Franklin Street	Stock Control Man
Michael S. Mathras	E. Walnut Street	Production Super.
Robert Morey	No. Washington Street	Clerk
Wilfred L. Noel	Maple Street	Lead Operator
John Pamoukis	Amherst Road	Assembler
David W. Russell	South Street	Salesman
Charles H. Sanford	No. Main Street	Carpenter
William T. Slate	Bardwell Street	Electrician
Walter S. Slupnicki	Railroad Street	Laborer
William H. Squires, Jr.	Main Street	Auto Mechanic
Robert W. Sutcliffe	Poole Road	Stock Clerk

Sidney W. Wheeler	Everett Avenue	Financial Advisor
Carl E. White	C. Walker Street	Area Mechanic
Joseph Tolpa	Federal Street	Waste Dealer
Everett Geer	Three Rivers Road	Retired
Stanley Kulig	Franklin Street	Polisher
Arthur Brooks	Sears Road	Retired
Daniel O'Connor	Franklin Street	Farmer
Merton L. Pratt	D. Shays Highway	Mechanic
Frank E. Peeso	D. Shays Highway	Retired
Female		
Amy S. Allen	M. Sears Road	Housewife
Ruby V. Andrews	Ballou Street	At Home
Anne C. Austin	West Street	Housewife
Hazel F. Charles	Jabish Street	Telephone Operator
Mildred S. Cole	Franklin Street	Housewife, Teacher
Ethel Corliss	Mill Valley Road	Retired
Barbara A. Gay	Main Street	Housewife
Emma L. M. Grover	Federal Street	Housewife
Lucy J. Hislop	So. Main Street	Bookkeeper
Celia B. Jenks	D. Shays Highway	Retired
Margaret Knight	Everett Avenue	Housekeeper
Alma S. Lindquist	Mill Valley Road	Bank Teller
Helen M. Rhodes	Jabish Street	Housewife
Barbara C. Henneman	E. Walnut St.	Clerk

FIRE DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

(appointed by Fire Chief)

DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
Kenneth B. Bristol
Carl J. Peterson
Nelson J. Hill
Ernest M. Gay

MEMBERS BELCHERTOWN FIRE DEPARTMENT

Louis E. Fuller, Chief
Carl J. Peterson, Deputy Chief
Kenneth B. Bristol, Capt.
Isaac Hodgen, Lieutenant
Roy G. Shaw, Lieutenant
William Squires, Lieutenant
Sherman Gould, Lieutenant
Donald Bock
Elwyn Bock
Harry Brougham
Joseph Chadbourne
Edward Gates
Ernest Gay
Royal Gay
Hubert Greene
David Hodgen
Raymond Hale
Nelson Hill
Samuel Joyal
Joseph J. Kempkes, Jr.
Richard Knight
Raymond Menard
Michael Oberly
Harold Peck
Paige Piper
Herbert Squires
Louis Shumway
David Staples
Herbert Wood

DEPARTMENT TELEPHONE OPERATORS

Miss Hazel Charles
Miss Ruth Neville
Miss Jane Conklin
Mrs. Marguerite Mumford
Mrs. Jean Garron
Miss Jeanne Dubois

Miss Pauline H. Barrett, former telephone operator at the School since 1924, September, retired on July, 1960, from State Service.

SENATORS IN CONGRESS

Leverett Saltonstall	Dover, Mass.
John B. Kennedy	Boston, Mass. (Resigned)

(Elected President of U. S. Nov. 1960)

CONGRESSMAN—FIRST CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Silvio O. Conte (Re-elected Nov. 1960)	Pittsfield, Mass.

STATE SENATOR

Ralph C. Mahar, Franklin-Hampshire District (See change below)	Orange, Mass
Paul H. Benoit, Worcester-Hampden District	Southbridge, Mass.

REPRESENTATIVE IN GENERAL COURT

James R. Nolen, Fourth Hampshire District	Ware, Mass.

COUNCILLOR, GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

Raymond F. Sullivan, Eighth Councillor District	Springfield, Mass.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

Hiram H. Brownell	Northampton, Mass.
Raymond A. Lyman	Easthampton, Mass.
Edwin M. Podolak	Hadley, Mass.

CLERK OF COURTS

Merrill E. Torrey	Northampton, Mass.

REGISTER OF DEEDS

Raymond A. Warner	Williamsburg, Mass.

REGISTER OF PROBATE

Frank E. Tuit, II	Northampton, Mass.

COUNTY TREASURER

Howard A. Banner	Goshen, Mass.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY

Sanford Keedy	Amherst, Mass.

Report of Selectmen

The Board of Selectmen met and organized after the Annual Town Meeting as follows: Charles F. Austin as Chairman of Selectmen; Raymond C. Gay, Clerk, and Walter Tolpa, Jr., third member. The Board met weekly on Thursday night at 7:00 o'clock.

The street lights for Federal Street, Bay Road and Stebbins Street were installed as voted by the town. The following sidewalks were completed: North Washington, Bondsville Road and Franklin Street under the supervision of Donald Terry. The Jabish Street walk was started.

The Board of Selectmen with the Amherst Selectmen attended a meeting in Boston with the State Department of Public Works in October and we are happy to say that two miles of the Amherst Road will very shortly be let out to bids for immediate construction with a twenty-four foot road. Much of it will be a new layout, eliminating other curves.

We have continued permanent construction on the following streets: Warren Wright Street, Dump Road, George Hannum Street, Boardman Street, Cold Spring Road, South Steeet, South Washington Street, Gold Street and Shea Avenue.

The Town Report Committee have asked for a continuance of one year for their completion of their report.

The Board appointed Joseph Kulig as road superintendent. The work under Chapter 81 and 90 maintenance has been carried out under his supervision.

The Chapter 90 new construction on Route 21, of which the

State contributed $9,000, the County $4,500, and the Town $3,000 was done under the supervision of Donald Terry. The State Department of Public Works has asked the following for 1961: State $10,000, County $5,000 and Town $5,000 for Chapter 90 work on Route 21. They also are willing to contribute State $2,000, County and Town $1,000 each to eliminate the dangerous spots on Bay Road.

The Bicentennial Committee appointed for the 200th anniversary have been very busy.

The Selectmen moved into their new quarters, formerly used by the Superintendent of Schools, in April of 1960, and it is proving to be very satisfactory as it has been used by the Veterans Agent, Water and Sewer Commissioners, Town Accountant, Board of Registrars, and the Bicentennial Committee. The office was equipped with furnishings with such meetings in mind.

In all the Board has had a very successful year.

CHARLES F. AUSTIN
RAYMOND C. GAY
WALTER TOLPA, JR.

Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of Town Clerk

Vital Statistics

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS OF 1960

Births

Total births 78 Boys 39 Girls 39 Twin birth 2 boys
Stillbirths 2

Marriages

Total marriages 54 Resident persons 50. Non-resident persons 58

Married at:		
Belchertown	29	Oldest, youngest in years:
Other (Mass.)	22	Male 67—18
Out of state	3	Female 63—16

Deaths

Total deaths 72 Males 36, Females 36

Died at:		Oldest, youngest in years:
Belchertown	41	Male 88 Male 9
Other (Mass.)	30	Female 93 Female 4
Out of state	1	

FINANCIAL

Receipts

Sporting licenses (Gross)	2,588.30
Dog licenses (Gross)	1,535.00
Recording mortgages and terminations	370.00
Registration to practice medicine	2.00
Registration of business	3.00

Pole location and relocation orders	53.00	
Registration of fuel and gas storage	17.50	
Birth, marriage and death certificates	97.00	
Reecording birth affidavits and delayed returns	4.50	
Marriage intentions recorded	88.00	
Dog license transfer	.25	$4,758.55

Payments

To Town Treasurer:

(Licenses) Division of Fisheries & Game	2,450.00	
(Fees) Sporting license fees	138.30	
(Licenses) County of Hampshire	1,383.50	
(Fees) Dog License fees	151.50	
(Fee) Dog license transfer	.25	
(Fees) Poles	53.00	
(Fees) Business and M. D. registrations	5.00	
(Fees) Fuel and gas storage fees	17.50	
(Fees) Certified copies	97.00	
(Fees) Mortgages and terminations	370.00	
(Fees) Marriage intentions	88.00	
(Fees) Affidavits and delayed returns	4.50	$4,758.55

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.,

Town Clerk

Report of Assessors

The following detail represents the changes in the 1960 Tax Base; also the Rate which had to be used to raise the appropriations for the year.

The total levy was $7,172,759.00 which when compared with 1959 discloses an increase of $249,142.00. This increase is composed of $59,192.00 in Personal Property and $189,950.00 in Land and Buildings.

The change in Land and Buildings resulted from adjustment of 122 incomplete 1959 properties and produced $85,250.00; 90 building permits were appraised and $123,150.00 added to the list. Increased value of low value land which became building lots added another $8,100.00. Losses through fire and removal of buildings was $26,550.00.

The past year was the second complete year of maintaining the new valuation system, the value of which to the Town is firmly established by the above results.

The appropriations for 1960 were $481,298.41 which when compared with $434,297.11 for the year 1959, disclosed an increase of $47,001.30. With our present Tax Base this increase indicated a probable rise in the rate of $7.50. However through the maintenance by the Town of the valuation system changes, this increase was held to $4.00.

Dwellings assessed in 1960 were 1152 compared with 1140 in 1959. During 1959 the legislature amended Chapter 58—Sections 9 and 10 which requires all boards of assessors in the State to report annually to the State Tax Commission sales of property according to type, conveyance value paid by the buyer, indicated by documentary stamps: existing mortgages; assessed values and proportionate percentage used against appraised values. During 1959 and so far during 1960, four out of five of the prices paid were within five or ten percent, over or under the appraised assessed values now used by the Town supporting the assessment list.

The money to pay the cost of operating the town is derived from:

1. Taxation of real estate, personal estate and polls.
2. Grants, gifts and reimbursements from the Commonwealth Federal government, and other cities and towns.
3. Receipts of departments and available funds.
4. Licenses, permits and fines.
5. Miscellaneous other sources.

The amount to be raised by taxation was determined in this way:

The amount to be raised in the fiscal year		$ 566,098.04
Other expenses for the year:		
State Parks and Reservations	$ 1,537.97	
County Tax	15,080.81	
Overlay for current year	11,156.79	27,775.57
Gross amount to be raised		$ 593,873.61
Expected revenue from the Commonwealth	196,195.18	
Available Funds	84,799.63	
County Tax less than estimate	2,443.98	
State Parks & Reservations less than estimate	171.92	283,610.71
Deducting the expected revenue from the total expenditures gave the sum to be raised by taxation as		$ 310,262.90
Total Valuation		
Personal Property	$ 762,214.00	
Land	1,173,445.00	
Buildings	5,223,850.00	$7,169,509.00
Tax levy at $43.00		
Personal Property	$ 32,775.20	
Real Estate	275,513.70	
Polls	1,974.00	
Total Levy		310,262.90

Added Assessments		
Real Estate	$ 13,400.00	$576.20
Polls		54.00

ELLIOTT S. CORDNER, Chairman
ROMEO J. JOYAL
HAROLD B. KETCHEN

Report of Town Treasurer

Cash in treasury, January 1, 1960	$151,158.07	
Receipts during 1960	808,701.30	$959,859.37
Expenditures by Warrants, 1960	778,825.73	
Cash in treasury, December 31 1960	181,033.64	959,859.37

Trust funds and other accounts on deposit, Dec. 31, 1960

George D. Longley Music Fund	$2,630.68	
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	8,725.90	
Suhan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	560.82	
Whiting Street Fund	10,407.17	
Willard A. Stebbins Fund	1,354,98	
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,070.01	
Nellie E. Brown Mt. Hope Cemetery Fund	1,064.28	
Cemeteries, Perpetual Care funds	30,578.64	
War Memorial Fund	5,735.95	
Post War Rehabilitation Fund	108.79	$65,237.22

Funds balance 12-31-59	Withdrawals	Interest	Deposits	Balance 12-31-60
$64,551.77	1,764.78	2,250.23	200.00	$65237.22

The treasurer borrowed during 1960 to meet current obligations:

Note No. 215 Amount $100,000 Discount 2.52% $1,715.00
Dated 4-1-60 Due 12-1-60

Income from invested town funds—$1,960.25 (Exclusive of trust funds)

Gross wages paid—$260,841.51

Deductions from wages—51,367.80 (FED., State WH; Retirement, Blue Cross and Ins.)

Net wages paid employees—$209,473.71

Respectfully submitted,
ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Treasurer

Report of the Board of Health

The Board of Health organized on February 15, 1960 with the following as officers: Raymond C. Gay, Chairman; Catherine L. Austin, Clerk; and Kenneth L. Collard, M.D., Member at Large. Meetings of the Board of Health were set for the fourth Wednesday of the month. To carry out the duties of the Board of Health, the following appointments were made:

Inspector of Animals: Francis M. Austin, D.V.M.
Agent-Sanitarian: John A. Brickett
Inspector of Slaughtering: Clarence Hubbard
Report Clerk: Doris S. Squires
Special Agent to the Board of Health for Belchertown State School: Henry Tadgell, M.D.

Due to the death of Clarence Hubbard, Melvin Andrews was appointed to complete his term of office as Inspector of Slaughtering. The members of the Board of Health regret the death of Clarence Hubbard, sincere servant of the public who for many years carried out the responsibility of his office with both dispatch and competency.

Due to the resignation of Dr. Tadgell, Lawrence P. Bowser, M.D., was appointed Special Agent to the Board of Health for Belchertown State School to replace the former.

Health problems parallel the growth of a community. Belchertown is growing, and this growth increases the problem of adequate waste disposal. Repeatedly our sanitarian has brought to our attention the need for a sanitary land-fill type of Town dump. This type would eliminate the problem of rodent infestation now existing there. From both a health and from an economic factor, rodents are costly boarders for any community to support.

Routinely all new septic tank installations were inspected, while old ones were inspected as necessary.

Through its inoculation program, the Board of Health took active measures to prevent disease. The following clinics were held:

February 1	*Influenza Clinic*		
	School personnel	44 injections	
	Police and Firemen	30 injections	
	Total		74 injections
February 24	*Polio Clinic*	353 injections	
April 6	*Polio Clinic*	139 injections	
April 8	*Polio Clinic*	182 injections	
	Total		674 injections
April 13	*Diphtheria, Pertussis and Tetanus Clinic*		
April 13		20 injections	
May 11		185 injections	
June 8		110 injections	
	Total		315 injections

The charge of one dollar for each person for polio innoculations offset the total cost of all the clinics, namely $281.36, thus costing the Town no money for the great number immunized against serious diseases.

The following communicable diseases were reported to the Board of Health for the year:

German measles	1
Chicken pox	49
Measles	67
Scarlet fever	5
Hepatitis	3
Mumps	16
Rheumatic fever	1
Dog bites	31

With increasing frequency the need for a visiting nurse is being brought to the attention of our local physicians, to the members of the Board of Health, and to our families with sick persons in them. In some instances Belchertown people have remained longer in a hospital than necessary because there was no available community nursing service in Belchertown to render essential professional care in the home. A questionnaire, distributed by the Graduate Nurses' Club of Belchertown, showed practically unanimously that over two-hundred families receiving the questionnaire wanted a visiting nurse for the Town.

Not only should such a nurse prove an economic asset for our people, she should be a humanitarian asset as well, preventing through her special skill and knowledge much sickness and suffering. The members of the Board of Health wholeheartedly endorse the project of a visiting nurse for Belchertown.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND C. GAY, Chairman
CATHERINE L. AUSTIN, Clerk
KENNETH L. COLLARD, M.D.,
Member at Large

REPORT OF SANITATION ADVISOR

Gentlemen:

As Sanitation Advisor for the Board of Health of the Town of Belchertown, I respectfully submit my annual report for 1960.

During the year all public eating and drinking establishments, stores, markets, bakeries and food stands were inspected several times. By means of education the Board of Health is endeavoring to raise the standards of sanitation within the above mentioned establishments. Co-operation from the owners of the establishments was most gratifying and I am sure the standards of sanitation have been raised.

At the beginning of 1960, three licensed piggeries were inspected monthly. However, at the close of 1960 one licensed piggery is in operation and is inspected monthly.

Five public health nuisance complaints were investigated and abated satisfactorily.

Sixty-six itinerant restaurants were inspected during Fair Day. All the establishments operated in accordance with health regulations.

Regular inspections were made of the trailer coach park. Continued effort is being made to insure that the best sanitary conditions are maintained at all times.

The sanitary facilities were inspected regularly at the town beach during the summer months. Through the recommendation of the Board of Health, an attendant was obtained by the Park Commission to maintain the facilities in a good condition. Analysis was made of the swimming water and was found to be excellent for swimming purposes.

Several Board of Health meetings and two hearings were attended during the year. Help was given to the Board of Health on administrative matters.

One dwelling was condemned as unfit for human habitation in accordance with the State Sanitary Code of the Department of Health of the State. The condemnation of the building will remain in effect until the condition has been corrected.

The sanitary condition of the Town of Belchertown, in general, was extremely good. The Board of Health was sincerely active and interested in the public health of the community.

I wish to thank the Board of Health and the public for the fine co-operation that they extended to me. With the continuance of this fine co-operation, the health standards of the community will become better and better.

Respectfully submitted,
JOHN A. BRICKETT, R.S.
Sanitation Advisor

Report of Sealer of Weights and Measures

Tested and Sealed January 1, 1960—December 31, 1960	
Platform Scales over 5,000 lbs.	3
Scales or balances under 100 lbs.	24
Gasoline Pumps	19

I have collected and turned over to Town Treasurer fees amounting to $34.00.

RAYMOND C. GAY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Belchertown-Granby Welfare District Report

The Belchertown-Granby Welfare District office had a busy year during 1960. Welfare activity was influenced by State and Federal legislation to the extent that every recipient's case (with the exception of those on General Relief) was affeced by an increased grant or transfer to another category of assistance. The Medical Assistance for the Aged program which became effective October 1, 1960, includes coverage for eligible applicants for hospitalization, licensed nursing homes, and certain other medical and dental needs. All eligible Old Age Assistance recipients were transferred to this program. Other recipients received an increase due to the increased cost of living. In addition to this Disability Assistance recipients' grants were increased effective January 1, 1961. Most of the General Relief cases handled reflected the decline in business conditions. The influx of Aid to Dependent Children cases appears to be related to the growing tendency towards irresponsibility of parents to support their children.

During 1960, 361 visits were made compared with 276 made in 1959; 80 cases were handled of which nine were Aid to Dependent Children cases involving 18 children; the total aid rendered was $76,449.76. The cost of administration was $2,805.47 with Belchertown assuming $1,753.42 (62.5%) of this and Granby assuming $1,052.05 (37.5%). The District cash balance December 31, 1960 was $2,446.52 (Belchertown $1,529.37), (Granby $917.15). The District will continue to operate on the same percentage basis with receipts and expenditures proportioned accordingly during 1961.

A detail of the operating expenses for 1960 follows:

Salaries	$ 7,978.29
Travel	291.60
Postage	165.70

Office Supplies	94.40
Telephone	195.80
Office Rent	720.00
Office & Equipment Maintenance	54.97
Compensation Insurance	40.30
Bond	12.00
Medical Advisor & Legal Expense	165.80
Hampshire County Assessment	553.52
Hospital & Group Life Insurance	278.06
Miscellaneous	60.50
Total operating cost	$10,610.94
Less reimbursements	7,805.47
Net operating cost	$ 2,805.47

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. AUSTIN
RAY MILLIN
Welfare District Committee

LENA N. WILSON
Director of Public Welfare

Report of Welfare District Agent

As noted in the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District report, 1960 was a busy year for the welfare office. Assistance rendered has reflected the various legislative changes throughout the year. The inclusion of the drug plan in the State Medical Care Plan produced some uniformity in the dispensing and cost of drugs and appears to be proving advantageous. Seven cases were transferred from Old Age Assistance to the new Medical Assistance for the Aged program on which Federal reimbursement is considerably higher than on Old Age Assistance. Referrals to this office have been cleared, either with local consideration and assistance or by contact with other social agencies. To the best of our ability the needs of the townspeople have been met with both their interest and the interest of the Town in mind.

The summary of the welfare expenditures for the year is as follows:

	Expenditures	*Reim-bursements*	*Net Cost*
Old Age Assistance	$47,071.88	$44,523.51	$2,548.37
Medical Assistance for the Aged	3,228.24		3,228.24
Aid to Dependent Children	3,713.49	3,519.44	194.05
Disability Assistance	2,363.92	1,171.54	1,192.38
General Relief	1,262.28	623.13	639.15
Total	$57,639.81	$49,837.62	$7,802.19
Board Salaries	425.00	7.02	417.98
	$58,064.81	$49,844.64	$8,220.17
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District			1,753.42

Total net cost for all categories of assistance and the administration thereof for 1960	$9,973.59

During the year 61 cases were handled and 282 visits made. At the close of the year there were 28 Old Age Assistance recipients, 7 Medical Assistance for the Aged cases, 3 Disability Assistance recipients, 4 Aid to Dependent Children cases which included all persons, and 2 General Relief cases covering 10 persons. The Town of Belchertown now holds 16 Old Age Assistance liens. Recoveries totalling $8,920.53 were made during the year.

Our work is facilitated by the cooperation which is extended by your Board, the various Town officials,The Police Department, the loacl physicians and druggist, and we wish to express our appreciation for the same.

Respectfully,
LENA N. WILSON
Director of Public Welfare

Report of Welfare District Treasurer

BELCHERTOWN-GRANBY WELFARE DISTRICT

Cash on hand, January 1, 1960		$2,660.46
Receipts 1960:		
Federal	4,240.01	
State	3,542.75	
Belchertown	1,620.00	
Granby	971.53	
Miscellaneous	1,958.90	12,333.19
		$14,993.65
Expenditures of District Officers	$12,547.13	
Cash on hand December 31, 1960	2,446.52	$14,993.65

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
District Treasurer
(Memorial Hall, Belchertown)

Report of Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

1956 Motor Vehicle Excise		
Payment after abatement		17.69
Paid to Treasurer	17.69	
1957 Motor Vehicle Excise		
Payment after abatement		2.86
Paid to Treasurer	2.86	
1958 Poll Tax		
Outstanding 1-1-60		4.00
Paid to Treasurer	2.00	
Abated	2.00	
	4.00	4.00
1958 Personal Property Tax		
Outstanding 1-1-60		133.46
Paid to Treasurer	133.46	
1958 Real Estate Tax		
Outstanding 1-1-60		2,602.06
Refunded		25.40
Paid to Treasurer	2,522.46	
Tax Title	63.00	
Abated	42.00	
	2,627.46	2,627.46

1958 Motor Vehicle Excise		
Outstanding 1-1-60		274.90
Payment after abatement		105.18
Paid to Treasurer	273.89	
Abated	106.19	
	380.08	380.08

1958 SEWER CHARGES		
Outstanding 1-1-60		45.00
Paid to Treasurer	45.00	

1959 Poll Tax		
Outstanding 1-1-60		28.00
Paid to Treasurer	10.00	
Abated	12.00	
Outstanding 12-31-60	6.00	
	28.00	28.00

1959 Personal Property Tax		
Outstanding 1-1-60		966.48
Added Assessments		306.15
Paid to Treasurer	967.79	
Abated	83.85	
Outstanding 12-31-60	220.99	
	1,272.63	1,272.63

1959 Real Estate Tax		
Outstanding 1-1-60		21,055.28
Refunded		136.94
Paid to Treasurer	18,683.86	
Abated	259.35	
Tax Title	58.50	
Outstanding 12-31-60	2,190.51	
	21,192.22	21,192.22

1959 Motor Vehicle Excise		
Outstanding 1-1-60		7,193.76
Added assessments		5,271.33
Refunded		797.66
Paid to Treasurer	11,461.80	
Abated	1,460.13	
Outstanding 12-31-60	340.82	
	13,262.75	13,262.75
1959 Farm Animal Excise		
Outstanding 1-1-60		53.79
Paid to Treasurer	53.79	
1959 WATER LIENS		
Outstanding 1-1-60		20.37
Committed to Water District	20.37	
1959 Sewer Charges		
Outstanding 1-1-60		130.00
Paid to Treasurer	130.00	
1959 Bettterment Tax, Sewers		
Outssanding 1-1-60		4,146.84
Committed to Apportioned and Unapportioned accounts of 1960	4,146.84	
1960 Poll Tax		
Assessments		2,028.00
Refunded		6.43
Paid to Treasurer	1,876.43	
Abated	72.00	
Outstanding 12-31-60	86.00	
	2,034.43	2,034.43
1960 PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX		
Assessments		32,775.20

Refunded		169.70
Paid to Treasurer	31,929.82	
Abated	245.75	
Outstandng 12-31-60	769.33	
	32,944.90	32,944.90
1960 Real Estate Tax		
Assessments		276,089.90
Refunded		227.90
Paid to Treasurer	247,396.90	
Abated	4,594.55	
Tax Title	64.50	
Outstanding 12-31-60	24,261.85	
	276,317.80	276,317.80
1960 Motor Vehicle Excise		
Assessments		46,512.09
Refunded		1,450.94
Paid to Treasurer	37,804.96	
Abated	2,043.36	
Outstanding 12-31-60	8,114.71	
	47,963.03	47,963.03
1960 Farm Animal Excise		
Assessment		729.73
Paid to Treasurer	628.49	
Outstanding 12-31-60	101.24	
	729.73	729.73
1960 Sewer Betterment (Apportioned)		
Assessment		163.53
Paid to Treasurer	163.53	
1960 Committed Interest (Sewer Betterment Appor.)		
Assessment		100.81

Paid to Treasurer	100.81	
1960 SEWER CHARGES		
Assessment		4,670.00
Refunded		18.75
Paid to Treasurer	4,546.25	
Abated	27.50	
Outstanding 12-31-60	115.00	
	4,688.75	4,688.75

Taxes, excises and charges outstanding (All years) 12-31-60	36,206.45	

Total collections by the Collector of Taxes and Town Collector, 1960

Poll Tax (All years)	1,888.43	
Personal Property tax (All years)	33,031.07	
Real Estate Tax (All years)	268,603.22	
Motor Vehicle Excise (All years)	49,561.20	
Farm Animal Excise (All years)	682.28	
Sewer charges (All years)	4,721.25	
Sewer betterment (Appor.) (All years)	163.53	
Sewer betterment Comm. Interest	100.81	
Total		$358,751.79

Fees and interest collected on all overdue taxes and excises, 1960

Year	Fees	Interest	
1956	1.05	5.96	
1957	.85	.18	
1958	70.70	264.08	
1959	511.25	382.63	
1960	337.70	94.26	
	921.55	747.11	1,668.66

Total paid to Town Treasurer	$360,420.45

ROBERT D. CAMP, SR.
Collector of Taxes and Town Collector

Report of Chief of Police

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the Police Department of the town of Belchertown for 1960. Following are listed the offenses prosecuted in the District Court of Northampton during the year of 1960.

Crimes Against Persons:	
Assault	10
Robbery, Assault to, and Attempt	2
Crimes Against Property:	
Arson	3
Breaking, Entering and Larceny	2
Fraud	1
Larceny and Attempt	5
Receiving Stolen Goods	1
Crimes Against Public Order:	
Town By-Laws	1
Disturbing the Peace	2
Driving Motor Vehicle to Endanger Life	3
Driving Motor Vehicle While Intoxicated	3
Drunkenness	18
Fish and Game Laws	19
Gaming	6
Motor Vehicle Laws Violating	150
Narcotic Drug Law Violating	1
Neglect or Desertion of Family	3
Vagrants	1
Total	231

The above totals are Crimes Against Persons, 12; Crimes Against Property, 12; Crimes Against Public Order, 207. Of these 231 offenses 150 were prosecuted in the District Court by our local police. This compares with 45 local prosecutions in 1959. The State Police prosecuted 81 offenses compared with 51 in 1959. In 1960 we had only 5 juvenile cases in Northampton District Court. This compares very favorably with the 12 cases in 1959.

I feel that the new police cruiser has been a great asset in our 1960 work. Since the first of May when the cruiser went on the road we have covered 18,203 miles.

The Police Ambulance made 40 trips to hospitals in our vicinity, 10 more trips than in 1959. 1478 miles were covered, as compared to 992 miles in 1959. The old ambulance has been replaced by a newer model, which will be formally presented to the town at a later date.

74 traffic accidents were reported and investigated during 1960, 5 more than the total in 1959. There were no fatalities. This Department has answered numerous complaints, and has received and delivered emergency messages to persons having no telephones. We have served 90 summonses and have handled 733 motor vehicle transfers.

We have issued 26 pistol permits. Of this number 18 were renewals and 8 were new permits. Each new applicant must be fingerprinted by this department. We have issued 5 dealer licenses in town, and 1 gunsmith license.

Road patrols were maintained on Sunday afternoons and 3 nights each week from about April 1st. to the last of December. The officers on patrol were assisted by Special Police Officers, who received no pay for their time. Our Church traffic was handled by Regular and Special Police who are paid for this duty. The School patrol is covered by School Traffic Officers who are paid out of the Police Department Budget.

As in past years, I want to take this opportunity to thank all of the Special Officers for their many hours of volunteer service. I am especially grateful for the day time assistance they have given when a regular officer has not been available. My Sincere Thanks to ALL of Them.

My thanks also to the Regular and Auxiliary Police, the Police Departments of surrounding towns, the Metropolitan District Comm., the State Police, the Registry of Motor Vehicles, and our local Fire Chief, for the help and cooperation which they have given to me and my Department.

My sincere thanks to all the Townspeople who have cooperated with this Department during the year.

Respectfully submitted,
ERNEST M. GAY
Chief of Police

Report of Old Town Hall Committee

The Old Town Hall—The center for Basketball and Physical Education for the School Department and other groups which included Square Dance lessons this past spring.

This fall and winter Mr. William O'Brien of Holyoke and his daughter Marcella are teaching the fundamentals of Baton twirling in the Hall each Saturday from 9:30 A.M. until 1:30 P.M.

The children are divided in two groups with about thirty in each group.

The floors have been refinished and the showers and rest rooms, also some new lights have been added.

The cement steps on the side have been repaired, with several items taken care of in the boiler room.

The Police now have keys to the Hall and are checking it frequently, whom we thank for their cooperation.

No small amount of thanks should go to Mr. Young who has taken over charge of the building this fall, for watching the building, boilers, etc., etc.

The Old Town Hall is in bad need of a coat of paint.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLARD H. YOUNG
ANDREW KETCHEN
CHARLES AUSTIN

Report of Town Accountant

BALANCE SHEET, DECEMBER 31, 1960

ASSETS

Cash	181,033.54
Accounts Receivable:	
Taxes:	
Levy of 1959	
Poll	6.00
Personal	220.99
Real Estate	2,190.51
Levy of 1960	
Poll	86.00
Personal	769.33
Real Estate	24,261.85
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:	
Levy of 1959	340.82
Levy of 1960	8,114.71
Farm Animal Excise:	
Levy of 1960	101.24
Special Assessments:	
Sewer Rentals of 1960	115.00
Unapportioned	1,471.77

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Payroll Deductions:	
Group Life Insurance	66.81
Tailings	350.12
Insurance Reserve	733.18
Trust Funds:	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	1,092.17
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	4.00
Federal Grants:	
Old Age Assistance	2,898.75
Old Age Assistance Administration	372.27
Aid to Dependent Children	1,083.70
Aid to Dependent Children Administration	9.01
Disability Assistance	377.35
Disability Assistance Administration	73.64
Public Law 874	6,570.53
Public Law 85-864	5.39
Revolving Funds:	
School Lunch	104.57
High School Athletic Fund	112.11

Tax Titles	199.74	Appropriations Balances	15,880.40
Tax Possessions	495.94	Overestimates:	
Departmental:		County Tax	1.11
Old Age Assistance	203.04	Sale of Real Estate	813.68
Aid to Dependent Children	346.36	Sale of Cemetery Lots	420.00
Highways	75.25	Road Machinery Earnings	7,855.51
Sewer Dept.	16.50	Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus	3,880.84
Aid to Highways:			
State	9,000.00	Overlays Reserved for Abatements:	
County	500.00	1959	7,887.23
Blue Cross-Blue Shield	9.37	1960	6,244.49
George D. Longley Music Fund	45.42	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Underestimated:		Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	8,455.53
State Recreation Areas	422.23	Farm Animal Excise	101.24
Revenue of 1961	15,050.00	Special Assessment	1,586.77
		Tax Titles and Tax Possessions	695.68
		Departmental	641.15
		Aid to Highways	9,500.00
		Surplus Revenue	167,258.38
	$245,075.61		$245,075.61

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:	
Inside the Debt Limit:		Inside the Debt Limit:	
General	126,000.00	Sewer Loan of 1949	23,000.00
Outside the Debt Limit	132,000.00	School Building Loan of 1952	103,000.00
		Outside the Debt Limit:	
		School Loan of 1952	132,000.00
	$258,000.00		$258,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS

Trust and Investment Funds:		In Custody of Treasurer:	
Cash and Seccurities in Custody of Treasurer	68,737.22	Susan M. D. Bridgman Cemetery Fund	560.82
		Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	1,064.28
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,070.01
		George D. Longley Music Fund	2,630.68
		Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	8,725.90
		Whiting Street Poor Fund	10,407.17
		Sussan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	3,500.00
		Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fund	1,354.98
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund	30,578.64
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund	108.79
		War Memorial Fund	5,735.95
	$68,737.22		$68,737.22

APPROPRIATION BALANCES, DECEMBER 31, 1960

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Moderator	25.00		10.00	15.00
Selectmen, Salaries	1,275.00		1,275.00	
Selectmen, Expense	350.00	T 240.00	565.33	24.67
Town Accountant, Salary	900.00		900.00	
Town Accountant, Expense	75.00	T 40.00	107.15	7.85
Typewriter for Accountant and Selectmen	212.00		211.50	.50
Treasurer, Salary	1,600.00		1,600.00	
Treasurer, Expense	1,015.00		1,014.97	.03
Collector, Salary	2,000.00		2,000.00	
Collector, Expense	1,385.00		1,367.34	17.66
Art. No. 1, Class "A" Safe with Foundation	1,300.00		1,237.33	62.67
Assessors, Salaries	1,300.00		1,300.00	
Assessors, Expense	1,990.00	T 20.13	2,010.13	
Finance Committee Expense	75.00		69.88	5.12
Town Clerk, Salary	900.00		900.00	
Town Clerk, Expense	460.00		435.10	24.90
Town Clerk, New Table	80.00		77.76	3.24
Law	500.00	T 500.00	949.25	50.75
Elections and Registrations	2,000.00	T 650.00	2,589.07	60.93
Official Bulletin Boards	200.00		200.00	
Planning Board	500.00	C 1,125.56	694.50	931.06
Old Town Hall	900.00		871.71	28.29
Lawrence Memorial Hall	500.00	T 300.00	718.54	81.46
Town Barn	1,000.00		969.21	30.79
Police Dept.	5,400.00	T 850.00	6,213.07	36.93
Police Cruiser	3,000.00		2,998,95	1.05
Fire Department	2,975.00		2,972.95	2.05
Hydrant Service	1,500.00		1,500.00	
Cleaning & Repairing Water Holes	300.00	C 939.19	1,066.80	172.39
Insect Pest Control	600.00		599.90	.10
Dutch Elm Disease	1,200.00		1,195.90	4.10
Tree Warden	1,200.00		1,199.70	.30
Forest Fire Account	1,700.00		1,694.67	5.33
Building Inspector	300.00		300.00	

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Wire Inspector	300.00		300.00	
Sealer Weights & Measures	120.00		120.00	
Dog Officer's Expense	50.00		34.18	15.82
Civilian Defense	600.00		131.50	468.50
Board of Health, Salaries	350.00		350.00	
Board of Health, Expense	1,275.00	T 250.00	1,515.07	9.93
Care of Town Dump	375.00	T 187.80	562.80	
Sewer Commissioners' Salaries	350.00		350.00	
Sewer Maintenance	3,800.00		3,523.30	276.70
1/3 Cost of Filter Beds	6,000.00		6,000.00	
Highways—Chap. 81	35,325.00		35,312.95	12.05
Highways—Chap. 90C (1959)		C&T 4,395.26	4,395.26	
Highways—Chap. 90C ('60)	15,000.00	** 1,500.00	16,498.93	1.07
Highways—Chap. 90M	6,000.00		5,999.36	.64
Highways—Jackson St. Cons.	2,000.00	C 2,035.52	4,035.52	
Highways—Streets	4,300.00	R 105.05	4,394.67	10.38
Highways—Geo. Hannum St.	400.00		397.42	2.58
Highways—Warren Wright St.	900.00		897.42	2.58
Highways—South St.	900.00		895.27	4.73
Highways—Gold St.	800.00		800.00	
Highways—Hamilton St.	1,200.00		1,159.32	40.68
Highways—Railroad St.	400.00		389.76	10.24
Highways—Shea Ave.	700.00		700.00	
Highways—Boardman St.	1,200.00		1,199.64	.36
Highways—Cold Spring Rd.	400.00	T .59	400.59	
Highways—So. Wash. St.	900.00		897.50	2.50
Highways—Bridges	3,900.00		3,803.27	96.73
Highways—Sidewalks	250.00	T 100.00	345.38	4.62
Highways--M. Valley Rd. side'k	500.00		499.32	.68
Highways—Franklin St. "	1,000.00	** 500.00	1,499.44	.56
Highways—N. Wash. St. Side'k	500.00	C 500.00	999.72	.28
Highways—Jabish St. Side'k	500.00	C 500.00	605.85	394.15
Hgwys.—Berm, E. side Park St.	400.00	T 200.00	582.78	17.22
Highways—Tractor Loader	7,000.00		7,000.00	
Highways—Snow Removal	6,000.00	**T 2,680.00	8,677.50	2.50
Highways—Road Mch. Exp.	3,500.00	** 2,000.00	5,492.61	7.39
Highways—Street Lighting	5,500.00	** 40.00	4,177.00	1,363.00
B'town-Granby Welfare Dist	1,620.00		1,620.00	
Public Welfare, Salaries	425.00		425.00	

Account	Appropriation	Transfers & Additions	Expenditures	Unexpended
Public Welfare, Gen'l Relief	1,200.00	** 100.00	1,262.28	37.72
Old Age Assistance	33,000.00	R 117.85	31,171.58	1,945.97
Aid to Dependent Children	2,000.00	R 62.95	1,818.66	244.29
Disability Assistance	500.00	TR** 1,546.20	1,820.30	225.90
Veterans' Agent's Salary	300.00		300.00	
Veterans' Aid	5,000.00		2,278.08	2,721.92
School Dept., Gen. Control	12,920.00		12,877.00	43.00
School Dept., Instruction	168,780.00		168,779.17	.83
School Dept., Operation	26,500.00		25,393.93	1,106.07
School Dept., Repairs, Repl.	8,000.00		7,999.11	.89
School Dept., Transportation	35,400.00		35,101.04	298.96
School Dept., Miscellaneous	1,240.00		1,209.43	30.57
School Dept., Capital Outlay	4,050.00	T 2,000.00	5,827.72	222.28
School Dept., Health	5,145.00		5,070.80	74.20
School Dept., Household Arts	6,380.00		6,188.55	191.45
School Dept., Library	680.00		608.73	71.27
School Building Committee	10,000.00			10,000.00
Vocational Education	13,160.00		12,077.11	1,082.89
Clapp Memorial Library	1,000.00	** 664.61	1,664.44	.17
Parsons Field	350.00		327.90	22.10
Town Common	250.00		148.62	101.38
Summer Recreation	350.00		289.51	60.49
Unclassified	500.00		360.59	139.41
Printing Town Reports	1,000.00		906.26	93.74
Memorial Day Services	200.00		88.40	111.60
Veterans' Day Services	60.00		53.00	7.00
Veterans' Graves	200.00		200.00	
Unpaid Bills of 1959	351.53		351.53	
Insurance	9,884.02	R 110.84	8,666.39	1,328.47
Bicentennial Committee	500.00	** 5,000.00	189.50	5,310.50
Town History		C 175.75		175.75
Care of Town Clock	100.00		100.00	
Reserve Fund	6,000.00		5,986.55	31.45
Check Cancelling Machine	325.00		325.00	
Cemetery Comm. Salaries	325.00		325.00	
Cemetery Expense	1,600.00	T** 1,096.32	2,679.11	17.21
Interest	6,655.00	** 1,065.00	7,720.00	
Maturing Debt	23,000.00		23,000.00	
Retirement	3,539.88		3,539.88	

TOWN DEBT STATEMENT

December 31, 1960

SEWER CONSTRUCTION LOAN OF 1949 $23,000.00

Serial notes bearing interest at the rate of 2½% per annum and maturing $2,000.00 annually for 20 years from date of issue and $1,000.00 annually for 5 years thereafter.

Amount payable in 1961 $2,000.00

SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN OF 1951 132,000.00

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.1% dated August 1, 1952 and payable annually $12,000.00 for 5 years and $11,000.00 annually for 15 years.

Amount payable in 1961 11,000.00

SCHOOL BUILDING LOAN OF 1952 103,000.00

Bonds bearing interest at the rate of 2.1% dated August 1, 1952, payable $9,000.00 annually for 15 years and $8,000.00 annually for 5 years.

Amount payable in 1961 9,000.00

FANNY G. MOREY,
Town Accountant

RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Authorized by the Finance Committee

From Reserve Fund to:

Town Accountant Expense	$40.00
Selectmen Expense	240.00
Law Account	500.00
Highways—Chapter 90C	.03
Lawrence Memorial Hall	300.00
Disability Assistance	500.00
School Dept., Capital Outlay	2,000.00
Town Dump	187.80
Cemeteries	100.00
Police Dept.	850.00
Highways—Berm on east side of Park St.	200.00
Highways—Sidewalks	100.00

Highways—Cold Spring Road	.59	
Board of Health Expense	250.00	
Highways—Snow Removal	680.00	
Assessors' Expense	20.13	$5,968.55

I certify, that as Town Accountant, I have examined the Cash Accounts of the Town Treasurer, Robert D. Camp, Sr., and have found balances sufficient to cover said accounts in cash and in bank deposits.

FANNY G. MOREY,
Town Accountant

January 18, 1961

Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Hampshire, S. S.

Personally appeared before me, Fanny G. Morey, Town Accountant, and made oath that the above statement by her subscribed is true.

Louis E. Fuller, Notary Public

Itemized Report of Receipts and Expenditures

GENERAL REVENUE:		
Taxes, Robert D. Camp, Sr., Collector		
Levy of 1958		
Polls	2.00	
Personal	133.46	
Real Estate	2,522.46	2,657.92
Levy of 1959		
Polls	10.00	
Personal	967.79	
Real Estate	18,683.86	19,661.65
Levy of 1960		
Polls	1,876.43	
Personal	31,929.82	
Real Estate	247,396.90	281,203.15
Lieu of taxes	1,370.50	
Loss of Taxes	4,546.58	
Income Tax	7,866.78	
Corporation (Business Franchise)	11,438.01	25,221.87
LICENSES & PERMITS:		
Licenses:		
Alcoholic Beverages	2,425.00	
All other	236.25	2,661.25
Permits:		
Marriage		82.00

FORFEITS & FINES:		
Court Fines	158.75	
Tax Fees	908.33	1,067.08
GRANTS & GIFTS:		
Federal Government		
O.A.A.	15,173.67	
A.D.C.	2,627.50	
D.A.	800.12	
D.A. Admin.	4.68	
Public Law 874	5,402.91	
Public Law	453.17	24,462.05
State		
O.A.A. Meal Tax	1,613.96	
Vocational Ed.	7,763.10	
Union Supt.	3,333.33	
School Aid Chapt. 70	64,654.45	
Transportation	30,489.16	
Employers' Compensation	29.34	107,883.34
County		
Dog Fund		1,080.61
		465,980.92
From Individuals		
O.A.A. Federal Grants		114.05
Public Welfare		
Reimbursement for Relief		
Cities & Towns	456.28	
State	7,656.69	
Reimbursement for O.A.A.		
From individuals	117.55	
Cities & Towns	595.20	
State	18,159.23	
M.D.C.	237.65	27,222.60
Reimbursement for A.D.C.		
From State	....891.94	
From individuals	62.95	
Reimbursement for D.A.		
From State	227.56	

From individuals	46.20	1,228.65
O.A.A. Recoveries		8,575.00
Veterans' Services		
Reimbursement for Relief From State		2,668.22
Schools		
Individual Tuition	325.00	
High School Athletics	750.91	
School Lunch from State	11,339.42	
School Lunch from Individual	29,671.60	42,086.93
Unclassified		
Dept. of Agriculture		150.00
Rent of Driveway	10.00	
Rent of Common	200.00	210.00
Cemeteries		
Sale of Lots	35.00	
Perpetual Care	200.00	
Perpetual Care Interest	950.81	1,185.81
Agency, Trust & Investments		
Trust Funds		
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	145.56	
Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fund	193.00	
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	445.41	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund Income	437.50	
Nellie Brown Cemetery Fund	30.00	
Walter Pratt Private Trust	63.00	1,314.47
Agency		
Sporting Licenses	2,450.00	
Dog Licenses	1,383.50	
Federal Withholding Taxes	32,609.03	
Blue-Cross—Blue Shield	3,758.67	
Group Life Insurance	803.93	
Retirement	2,832.43	
State Withholding Taxes	2,221.25	
Teachers' Health Insurance	1,459.76	

Insurance Reserve	733.18	
Tailings	240.57	48,492.23
COMMERCIAL REVENUE:		
Special Assessments:		
Sewer Rentals of 1958	45.00	
Sewer Rentals of 1959	130.00	
Sewer Rentals of 1960	4,546.25	
Apportioned Betterment of 1959	163.53	
Miscellaneous Connections	8.00	4,892.78
Privileges:		
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise		
Levy of 1956	17.69	
Levy of 1957	2.86	
Levy of 1958	273.89	
Levy of 1959	11,461.80	
Levy of 1960	37,804.96	49,561.20
Farm Animal Excise		
Levy of 1959	53.79	
Levy of 1960	628.49	682.28
Departmental:		
General Government		
Collector	712.00	
Town Clerk	841.55	
Rent of Town Hall	65.00	
Rent of Memorial Hall	111.00	1,729.55
Public Safety		
Police Department		
Pistol Permits		88.00
Fire Department		
Fire Permits	15.00	
All other	60.50	75.50
Inspection		
Building Inspector	56.00	
Wire Inspector	95.00	
Sealing of Weights & Measures	34.00	185.00

Other Protection of Persons & Property		
Dog Officer	416.00	
Wild Cat Bounty	10.00	426.00
		523735.28
Health & Sanitation		
T.B. Subsidies	247.86	
Licenses	39.50	
Trailer Permits	7.00	294.36
Highways		
Reimbursement from State	32,885.30	
Reimbursement from County	6,495.04	
All other	40.00	
Rent of Town Equipment	86.25	
Damage to Route 21	613.88	
Damage to box culvert, Route 21	65.81	
Road Machinery Earnings	7,799.14	47,985.42
		571,328.56
Interest		
On Deposits	1,960.25	
On Deferred Taxes	760.33	
On Committed Interest	100.81	2,821.39
Municipal Loans		
In Anticipation of Revenue		100,000.00
Refunds		
B. C. B.S., Town Approp.	20.46	
Insurance	710.38	730.84
		808,701.20
Cash on hand January 1, 1960		151,158.07
		$959,859.27

EXPENDITURES 1960

GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

MODERATOR		10.00
SELECTMEN:		
Salaries		1,275.00
Expense:		
Clerical Hire	71.21	
Printing, Postage & Stationery	62.09	
State and County Association Dues	37.00	
Repairs to office typewriter	41.50	
Purchase of 9 new chairs	240.00	
Sundry Persons, Mileage	106.20	
All other	7.33	565.33
TOWN ACCOUNTANT:		
Salary		900.00
Expense		
Office Supplies	4.31	
Printing of Vouchers	14.36	
Binder, Filler and Index	43.26	
File Cases	5.67	
Association Dues	5.00	72.60
New Typewriter Table and Chair		34.55
New Typewriter for use of Accountant and Selectmen		211.50
TREASURER:		
Salary		1,600.00
Expense:		
Clerical Hire	483.17	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	265.96	
Surety Bond	153.20	
Office Supplies	19.85	
Deputy's Fees	10.00	
Travel Expense (To and from Bank and trip to Boston)	74.50	
Association Dues	5.00	
All other	3.29	1,014.97

NEW SAFE, CLASS "A" WITH FOUNDATION		1,237.33
COLLECTOR:		
Salary		2,000.00
Expense:		
Clerical Hire	324.98	
Surety Bond	257.20	
Association Dues	5.00	
Office Supplies, Tax forms etc.	46.47	
New Receipt Machine	69.47	
New Desk, Tray etc.	206.79	
Postage and Stationery	453.43	
Registrar of Deeds	4.00	1,367.34
ASSESSORS:		
Salaries		1,300.00
Expense:		
Clerical Hire	237.12	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	297.02	
Auto Hire	183.50	
Maintaining Revaluation	988.00	
Registry of Deeds	97.80	
New Book Case	22.29	
State and County Association Dues	9.00	
Telephone	151.82	
Office Supplies	13.08	
Assessors Conference at Worcester	10.50	2,010.13
FINANCE COMMITTEE:		
Expense:		
Clerical Hire	36.00	
Association Dues	15.00	
Attending Finance Committee Meetings	18.88	69.88
TOWN CLERK:		
Salary		900.00
Expense:		
Clerical Hire	101.62	
Printing, Postage and Stationery	226.07	
Surety Bond	7.50	
State and County Association Dues	9.50	

Office Supplies	22.47	
Having Locks reset	10.00	
Stenographer's Chair	36.00	
Check-up of adding machine	13.00	
All other	8.94	435.10
NEW TABLE FOR TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE		77.76
LAW:		
Morse and Morse	894.25	
All other Attorneys	55.00	949.25
ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS:		
Registrars	292.98	
Election Officers	1,688.68	
Printing, postage and stationery	90.88	
Clerical Hire	102.62	
Posting Warrants	40.00	
Street Listing	354.20	
New Tables	15.98	
All other	3.73	2,589.07
OFFICIAL BULLETIN BOARDS		200.00
PLANNING BOARD:		
Expense:		
Maps	221.08	
Association Dues	5.00	
Theodore S. Bacon, Jr.	468.42	694.50
OLD TOWN HALL:		
40% of Expense:		
Janitor	121.60	
Fuel	292.76	
Lights	88.97	
Janitor's Supplies	31.92	
Repairs to hall	314.33	
Repairs to Light Panel	12.05	
Cleaning Oil Burner	5.08	
Rubbish Removal	5.00	871.71
LAWRENCE MEMORIAL HALL:		
Expense:		

Telephone	186.93	
Painting and Repairs	177.01	
Lights	246.08	
New Window Shades	7.50	
Glass and installation of same in door	28.22	
Janitor	60.00	
All other	12.80	718.54

TOWN BARN:

Repairs:

Wages	414.35	
Hired Equipment	7.20	
Lights	31.67	
Repairs and painting	503.87	
All other	12.12	969.21

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Expense:

Office supplies, Postage, Forms & Stationery	107.99	
Association Dues	19.50	
Telephone	131.43	
Equipment & Repairs	184.72	
Awards	49.13	
Oli & Gasoline	573.46	
Badges	7.26	
Decals	30.34	
Juvenile Assoc. Dues and Expense	10.80	
Miscellaneous	9.00	
Dry Cleaning	7.00	
Dr. Kenneth L. Collard	15.00	
Gun Permits	4.00	
Attorney Fees	30.00	
Pictures of Accident	5.00	
Garage Rent	30.00	1,214.63

POLICE DEPARTMENT CONTINUED:

Ernest M. Gay, Chief	1,122.50
Court	270.00
Mileage	36.68

Andrew T. Sears, Deputy Chief	710.00	
Court	70.00	
Mileage	93.66	
All other Constables	1,283.75	
All other Mileage	70.10	
Special Officers	440.75	
School Traffic Officers	901.00	4,998.44
POLICE CRUISER		2,998.95
FIRE DEPARTMENT:		
Louis E. Fuller, Chief	475.00	
Association Dues	11.00	
Worcester County Electric Co.	157.35	
New England Tel & Tel. Co.	252.25	
Fuel	171.32	
Hardware, Hand Tools & Fuses	39.65	
Apparatus & Repairs	1,067.97	
Hoze and Nozzles	281.26	
Oil and Gasoline	131.61	
Gloves and Helmets	40.75	
Rubber Boots and Coats	63.53	
Repairs to Station	197.35	
Electrical Repairs	26.45	
Snow Removal	42.00	
Permits	3.85	
All other	11.61	2,972.95
HYDRANT SERVICE		1500.00
CLEANING AND REPAIRING WATER HOLES:		
Wages	392.80	
Material	16.30	
Hired Equipment	657.70	1,066.80
INSECT PEST CONTROL:		
Pioneer Valley Spray	477.00	
Wages	74.40	
Equipment	48.50	599.90
DUTCH ELM DISEASE:		
Supt. wages	314.50	

All other wages	472.70	
Trucks and Equipment	403.70	
All other	5.00	1,195.90
TREE WARDEN:		
Supts' Wages	418.25	
All other wages	349.45	
Trucks and equipment	432.00	1,199.70
FOREST FIRE ACCOUNT:		
Wages	526.36	
Equipment	140.97	
Telephone	124.75	
Worcester County Electric Co.	17.45	
Fuel	85.43	
Radio Repairs	66.17	
Gasoline	73.30	
Clerical Hire and Postage	13.00	
Repairs to Station	455.73	
Permits	170.00	
Amp. charger	21.51	1,694.67
BUILDING INSPECTOR:		
Salary		300.00
WIRE INSPECTOR:		
Salary		300.00
SEALING OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES:		
Material	4.05	
Auto expense	16.50	
Salary	99.45	120.00
DOG OFFICER'S FEES		782.00
DOG OFFICER:		
Expense:		
Advertising stray dogs, mileage etc.		34.18
CIVILIAN DEFENSE:		
Expense		
Telephone	110.50	
Check on Receiver-sender set	10.00	
Typewriter repairs	11.00	131.50

BOARD OF HEALTH:		
Salaries		350.00
BOARD OF HEALTH CONTINUED:		
Expense:		
Association Dues	6.00	
Clerical Hire & Postage	73.49	
Office Supplies	13.03	
Dr. Francis M. Austin	300.00	
R. C. Gay, Mileage	39.00	
Inspection of Slaughter	117.00	
Medicine and Medical Attendance	70.00	
Flu Shots	40.45	
Polio Shots	120.91	
DPT Shots	120.00	
Agent's Salary	375.00	
Agent's Travel expense	180.00	
Cleaning Sanitary Facilities at Town Beach	42.50	
All other	17.69	1,515.07
CARE OF TOWN DUMP:		
Caretaker's wages	260.00	
Bulldozing and other equipment	178.30	
Wages, Highway Employees	105.00	
Gravel	19.50	562.80
SHARE OF NEW FILTER BEDS		6,000.00
SEWER DEPARTMENT:		
Commissioners' Salaries		350.00
Expense:		
Wages paid Sewer Commissioners	149.25	
All other wages	167.25	
Trucks	80.50	
Equipment	147.50	
Tools	114.60	
State school for use of filter beds	2,733.38	
Material	130.54	
All other	.28	3,523.30
HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 81		
Wages	15,160.68	

Insurance	719.70	
Town Equipment	5,209.83	
Hired Equipment	6,597.65	
Material	7,625.09	35,312.95

HIGHWAYS—CHAPTER 90C, 1959

Wages	676.80	
Trucks	1,173.25	
Equipment	1,716.50	
Material	828.71	4,395.26

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90C, 1960

Wages	1,714.60	
Trucks	2,359.50	
Equipment	2,629.50	
Material	9,795.33	16,498.93

HIGHWAYS, DAMAGE TO STEEL BEAM ON ROUTE 21

Wages	65.40	
Material	405.00	
Equipment	59.00	
Signs	36.00	
Reflection strips	33.25	
Grass Seed	11.24	
All other	3.99	613.88

HIGHWAYS, DAMAGE TO BOX CULVERT ON ROUTE 21

Wages	27.20	
Trucks	6.44	
Material	31.31	64.95

HIGHWAYS, CHAPTER 90M

Turkey Hill and Bondsville Roads

Wages	974.30
Town Equipment	338.80
Hired Equipment	506.25
Material	1,180.38

Amherst Road:

Wages	1,062.88
Town Equipment	413.13

Hired Equipment	282.40	
Material	1,241.22	5,999.36

HIGHWAYS, JACKSON STREET CONSTRUCTION

Wages	810.75	
Material	1,495.97	
Hired Equipment	1,728.80	4,035.52

HIGHWAYS, STREETS:

Wages	2,981.90	
Trucks and Equipment	838.15	
Spray	200.00	
Signs and material	336.27	
Salt	38.35	4,394.67

HIGHWAYS, GEORGE HANNUM STREET

Wages	37.80	
Equipment	20.20	
Material	339.42	397.42

HIGHWAYS, WARREN WRIGHT ROAD:

Wages	217.00	
Material	140.97	
Hired Equipment	539.45	897.42

HIGHWAYS, SOUTH STREET

Wages	263.00	
Hired Equipment	197.70	
Material	434.57	895.27

HIGHWAYS, GOLD STREET

Wages	89.20	
Hired Equipment	33.28	
Material	677.52	800.00

HIGHWAYS, HAMILTON STREET

Wages	360.60	
Material	426.52	
Town Equipment	18.00	
Hired Equipment	354.20	1,159.32

HIGHWAYS, RAILROAD STREET		
Wages	55.80	
Hired Equipment	33.20	
Material	300.76	389.76
HIGHWAYS, SHEA AVENUE		
Wages	112.05	
Hired Equipment	21.40	
Material	566.55	700.00
HIGHWAYS, BOARDMAN STREET		
Wages	149.80	
Material	929.44	
Hired Equipment	120.40	1,199.64
HIGHWAYS, COLD SPRING ROAD		
Wages	94.00	
Material	265.19	
Hired Equipment	41.40	400.59
HIGHWAYS, SOUTH WASHINGTON ST.		
Wages	219.80	
Material	57.90	
Hired Equipment	619.80	897.50
HIGHWAYS, BERM ON EAST SIDE OF PARK STREET		582.78
HIGHWAYS, BRIDGES		
Wages	515.25	
Lumber	650.14	
Culverts	1,848.60	
All other	789.28	3,803.27
HIGHWAYS, SIDEWALKS:		
Wages	127.45	
Trucks and equipment	71.20	
Material	146.73	345.38
HIGHWAYS, MILL VALLEY ROAD SIDEWALK		
Wages	148.50	
Trucks	114.00	
Equipment	129.50	

Material	107.32	499.32
HIGHWAYS, FRANKLIN STREET SIDEWALK		
Wages	335.75	
Trucks	201.88	
Equipment	310.20	
Material	651.61	1,499.44
HIGHWAYS, NORTH WASHINGTON STREET SIDEWALK		
Wages	257.20	
Trucks	228.00	
Equipment	222.75	
Material	291.77	999.72
HIGHWAYS, JABISH STREET SIDEWALK:		
Wages	128.90	
Trucks and equipment	353.01	
Material	123.94	605.85
HIGHWAYS, NEW TRACTOR-LOADER		7,000.00
HIGHWAYS, SNOW REMOVAL:		
Wages	2,995.09	
Trucks and equipment	3,822.32	
Salt and sand	1,860.09	8,677.50
HIGHWAYS, ROAD MACHINERY EXPENSE:		
Wages	128.40	
Telephone	110.90	
Oil and gasoline	344.20	
Mobil Gas Co.	1,435.49	
Equipment and hand tools	92.02	
Repairs, tires and tubes	2,736.47	
Fuel	386.61	
Tax on Diesel Oil	82.50	
Cutting edges for Plow	84.00	
Lights	29.24	
Water	28.58	
Association Dues	2.00	
Registration of Tractor-Loader	15.00	
All other	17.20	5,492.61
HIGHWAYS, STREET LIGHTING		4,177.00

WELFARE:		
Belchertown-Granby Welfare District		1,620.00
PUBLIC WELFARE:		
Salaries		425.00
General Relief		1,262.28
Old Age Assistance Town Appropriation		30,996.83
Old Age Assistance, Federal Grants in Aid		18,037.24
Aid to Dependent Children, Town Appropriation		1,818.66
Aid to Dependent Children, Federal Grants in Aid		1,844.68
Disability Assistance, Town Appropriation		1,801.12
Disability Assistance, Federal Grants in Aid		532.85
STATE RECREATION AREAS		1,960.20
VETERANS' BENEFITS:		
Agent's Salary		300.00
Expense:		
Office Expense	88.99	
Ordinary Benefits	1,294.63	
Fuel	268.35	
Medical Care	165.00	
Medicine	149.00	
Hospital	269.11	
Glasses	43.00	2,278.08
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee's Expense	92.50	
Superintendent's Salary	7,800.04	
Superintendent's Travel Allowance	499.20	
Superintendent's Expense	800.31	
Secretary's Salary	3,253.76	
Telephone	83.39	
Clerical	343.80	
Law Enforcement	4.00	12,877.00
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, INSTRUCTION:		
Teachers' and Substitutes' Salaries	155,385.89	
Class Room and Teachers' Expense	9,802.48	
Clerical Salaries	3,590.80	168,779.17
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, OPERATION:		
Janitors' Salaries	12,456.28	

Janitors' Supplies	7,354.21	
Fuel	5,427.48	
Water	155.96	25,393.93
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HEALTH		
Nurse's Salary	4,003.86	
Substitute's Salary	33.50	
Nurse's Travel Allowance	400.00	
Substitute's Travel Allowance	4.56	
School Physician's Salary	500.00	
Postage, Stationery etc.	10.50	
Drugs and supplies	90.69	
All other	27.69	5,070.80
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, HOUSEHOLD ARTS:		
Instructor's Salary	4,746.21	
Substitute's Salary	30.00	
Janitor's Salary	514.80	
Fuel	296.99	
Food Supplies	145.85	
Lights	86.78	
Rubbish Removal	37.50	
New Equipment	208.37	
2 Books "Teenage"	48.95	
Repairs to Electric Range	20.00	
1 Case Paper Cups	20.50	
All other	32.60	6,188.55
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, REPAIRS AND REPLACEMENTS		7,999.11
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, TRANSPORTATION		35,101.04
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, MISCELLANEOUS		1,209.43
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, CAPITAL OUTLAY		5,827.72
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, LIBRARY		608.73
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW 874		1,055.13
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, PUBLIC LAW 85-864		775.76
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETIC FUND		709.73
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION:		
Tuition	9,234.11	12,077.11

Transportation	2,843.00	
SCHOOL LUNCH:		
Director's Salary	2,690.00	
All other wages	9,916.77	
Transportation of Food	667.50	
Repairs on Freezer Cabinet	30.00	
Attendance to School Lunch Conference	48.92	
Food Bills	25,670.29	
All other Bills	1,958.87	40,982.35
CLAPP MEMORIAL LIBRARY:		
Fuel	355.65	
Lights	101.76	
Books and Periodicals	202.43	
Library supplies, printing and postage	66.90	
Trustees of Clapp Memorial Library	664.61	
Repairs	66.20	
Insurance	206.89	1,664.44
RECREATION AND UNCLASSIFIED:		
PARSONS FIELD:		
Lights	15.00	
Mowing	160.00	
Reparing swings	41.43	
Replacing wire on back stop	40.00	
Fertilizer and spreading same	71.47	327.90
TOWN COMMON:		
Lights	20.62	
Mowing	128.00	148.62
SUMMER RECREATION:		
Director's Salary	150.00	
Fertilizer, ground limestone and spreading same	115.92	
Signs and swimming tickets	10.25	
All other	13.34	289.51
UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNT:		360.59
PRINTING TOWN REPORTS		906.26

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICES:		
Flags	30.00	
Refreshments	26.90	
Speaker	27.00	
Programs	4.50	88.40
VETERANS' DAY PROGRAM:		
Wreaths and flowers		53.00
VETERANS' GRAVES:		
Wages	155.50	
Mowing	44.50	200.00
UNPAID BILLS OF 1959		351.53
INSURANCE:		
Bell & Hudson Insurance Agency, Inc.	8,008.27	
Anna R. Gold Insurance Agency	658.12	8,666.39
BICENTENNIAL COMMITTEE		189.50
TOWN CLOCK		100.00
CHECK CANCELLING MACHINE		325.00
CEMETERIES:		
Cemetery Commissioners' Salaries		325.00
Expense:		
Wages	805.56	
Mowing, all cemeteries	1,392.75	
Hired Equipment	39.25	
Fertilizer, grass seed and loam	115.33	
Rakes and other hand tools	55.34	
Snow Removal	34.00	
Aluminum paint for fences	28.49	
Oil and gasoline	58.88	
Purchase of used Lowering Device	125.00	
Water	12.00	
All other	12.51	2,679.11
INTEREST:		
On Temporary Loans	1,715.00	
On Sewer Loans	625.00	
On School Loans	5,380.00	7,720.00

MATURING DEBT:		
Temporary Loan Repaid	100,000.00	
General Loans	23,000.00	123,000.00
REFUNDS:		
On taxes	566.37	
On Sewers	18.75	
On Sale of Real Estate	100.00	
On Motor Vehicle Excise	2,249.65	2,934.77
TRUST FUNDS:		
Cemetery Perpetual Care (Deposited in Bank)	200.00	
Susan M. D. Bridgman Poor Fund	346.80	
Nellie E. Brown Cemetery Fund	30.00	
Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	441.41	
Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	145.56	
George D. Longley Music Fund	45.42	
Walter Pratt Private Trust	63.00	
Willard Stebbins Cemetery Fence Fund	193.00	1,465.19
AGENCY:		
Wild Cat Bounty	10.00	
Federal Withholding Taxes	32,609.03	
State Withholding Taxes	2,557.55	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Payroll Deduction	3,757.81	
Blue Cross-Blue Shield, Town Appropriation	3,703.91	
Retirement, Payroll Deduction	2,832.34	
Hampshire County Retirement System, Town Approp.	3,539.88	
Group Life Insurance, Payroll Deduction	735.76	
Group Life Insurance, Town Appropriation	802.40	
Teachers' Health Insurance, Payroll Deduction	1,459.76	
County Tax	15,079.70	
Sporting Licenses, paid to State	2,806.50	
Dog Licenses, paid to County	1,383.50	71,278.15
		778,825.73
CASH ON HAND DECEMBER 31, 1960		181,033.54
		$959,859.27

Minutes of Town Meetings

ACTION TAKEN AT THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING FEBRUARY 8, 1960.

Meeting called to order at 7:30 P.M.

Art. 1. Elected Mrs. Sophia Pero and Mrs. Ruth B. Fuller as Almoners of the Whiting Street and Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgeman Funds, each for one year and Mr. George A. Poole as Trustee of the Calvin D. Bridgeman Fund for three years. Vote unanimous.

Art. 2. Voted to accept the reports of the officers and committees of the town as printed in the Town Report and read at the meeting with the exception of the Finance Committee. Voted to appropriate the sum of $5,504.32 for a War Memorial, from the War Memorial Fund. Vote unanimous.

Art. 3. Voted to give the Clapp Memorial Library the sum of $664.61 as balance of the Dog License Fund. Vote unanimous.

Art. 4. Voted the sum of $7,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 81 Highways and that in addition the sum of $28,325.00 be transferred from unappropriated funds in the treasury to meet the State's share of the cost of the work, the reimbursement from the State to be restored upon receipt to unappropriated funds in the treasury. Vote unanimous.

Art. 5. Voted the sum of $3,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highways construction on Chauncey D. Walker Street (Route 21-Turkey Hill Road), and that in addition the sum of $12,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the state and county share of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon their receipt to the unappropriated available funds in the treasury. Vote unanimous.

Art. 6. Voted the sum of $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 maintenance, and that in addition the sum of $5,000.00 be transferred from unappropriated available funds in the treasury to meet the state and county shares of the cost of the work, the reimbursements from the State and County to be restored upon receipt to unappropriated available funds in the treasury. Vote unanimous.

Art. 7. Voted to authorize the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, not exceeding the following rates:

Sewer Commissioners	$1.50 per hour
Tree Warden	$1.75 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	$1.50 per hour

Vote unanimous.

Art. 8. Voted to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year, beginning January 1, 1960, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws. Vote unanimous.

Art. 9. Voted to transfer from the Road Machinery Earnings Account the sum of $3,500.00 to the Road Machinery Expense Account. Vote unanimous.

Art. 10 Voted to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improvement of the following streets, all public ways:

Hamilton Street	$1,200.00
Railroad Street	400.00
Shea Avenue	700.00
Boardman Road	1,200.00
Cold Spring Road	400.00
South Street	900.00
South Washington Street	900.00
Gold Street	800.00
Hannum Road	400.00
Warren Wright Road	900.00

Vote unanimous.

Art. 11. Voted to table. Vote unanimous.

Art. 12. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $212.00 for the purchase of a new typewriter for the use of the Town Accountant and the Board of Selectmen. Vote unanimous.

Art. 13. Voted to table. Vote unanimous.

Art. 14 Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of five to investigate all aspects of the proposed sewer system on Franklin, Bardwell and Keyes Streets and to make known their findings at the next annual town meeting. Vote unanimous.

Art. 15. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,300.00 to provide lighting on the following streets:

Federal Street	16-1000 Lumen Lamps
Stebbins Street	12-1000 Lumen Lamps
Bay Road	24-1000 Lumen Lamps

Vote unanimous.

Art. 16. Voted to accept from George B. and Beverly M. Jackson a newly laid out street known as Fuller Street extending northeasterly from the Three Rivers Road a distance of nine hundred and eleven (911) feet and fifty (50) feet wide as shown on Plan of 17448-E, a sub-division of Lot 8 in Plan 17448-C, a Massachusetts Land Court Certificate #322, together with a parcel of land indicated as "Rt. of Way" on Plan 17448-C called Road and extending north-easterly from the end of Fuller Street to a distance of two hundred and thirty (230) feet to the Bondsville Road and further that Lots 8 and 18 shall retain the right to drain surface water into the storm drain system presently installed in Fuller Street, and further that this street shall be accepted as a public highway and designated as Fuller Street. Vote unanimous.

Art. 17. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $3,000.00 for the pruchase of a cruiser to be used by our Police Department. Vote unanimous.

Art. 18. Voted to fix the salaries and compensation of all elected officers of the town as provided for by Section 108 of Chapter 41 of the General Laws, as amended; and to raise and appropriate or appropriate from available funds monies for departmental and incidental expenses of the town for the ensuing year, by general classification, as recommended in the Finance Committee's report and further that these sums of money granted and appropriated for the several specific purposes therein designated be expended only for these purposes as specifically designated under the direction of the respective officer, boards and committees of the town and further that the sum of $6000.00 be appropriated for a Reserve Fund, and that to meet said appropriation the sum of $6000.00 be appropriated from the Overlay Reserve Fund.

Item No.		Raised and Appropriated	Appropriated available funds
1	Moderator, expenses	25.00	
2	Finance Committee, expense	75.00	
3	Selectmen, salaries, Chairman	475.00	
	″ ″ Member	400.00	
	″ ″ Member	400.00	
	″ expense	350.00	
4	Accountant, salary	900.00	
	″ expenses	75.00	
5	Treasurer, salary	1600.00	
	″ expenses	1015.00	
6	Town Clerk, salary	900.00	
	″ expenses	460.00	
7	Collector, salary	2000.00	
	″ expenses	1385.00	
8	Assessors, salaries, Chairman	500.00	
	″ ″ Member	400.00	
	″ ″ Member	400.00	
	″ expenses and wages	1990.00	
9	Law, expenses	500.00	
10	Election and Registrations	2000.00	
11	Planning Board expenses	500.00	
12	Municipal buildings	2400.00	
13	Veterans' quarters	———	
14	Police	5400.00	
15	Fire	2975.00	
16	Forest Fires	1700.00	
17	Hydrant Service	1500.00	
18	Sealer of weights and measures	120.00	
19	Inspector of wiring	300.00	
20	Civil defense	600.00	
21	Water storage holes (Fire)	300.00	
22	Tree service, expenses and wages	1200.00	
	Insect pest control	600.00	
	Dutch elm disease	1200.00	
23	Building inspector	300.00	
24	Board of Health, salaries, Chairman	150.00	
	″ Member	100.00	

	" Member	100.00
	expenses	1275.00
25	Sewers, Commissioners' salaries	350.00
	expenses	3800.00
	filter bed repair (⅓)	6000.00
26	Town dump	375.00
27	Highways, general	4300.00
28	Bridges	3900.00
29	Snow removal	6000.00
30	Sidewalks, maintenance	250.00
31	Street lights	4200.00
32	Board of Welfare, salaries, Chairman	175.00
	" Member	125.00
	" Member	125.00
	Welfare District	1620.00
	General Relief	1200.00
	Old age assistance	33000.00
	Disability assistance	500.00
	Aid to dep'nd'nt child.	2000.00
33	Veterans' department, Agent salary	300.00
	Benefits and expenses	5000.00
34	Schools	
	General control	12920.00
	Instruction	168780.00
	Operation	26500.00
	Maintenance	8000.00
	Transportation	35400.00
	Health	5145.00
	Miscellaneous	1240.00
	Household arts	6380.00
	Capital outlay	4050.00
	Library	680.00
	Vocational education	13160.00
35	Clapp Memorial Library	1000.00
36	Parsons Memorial Field	350.00
37	Town Common	250.00
38	Summer recreation	350.00
39	Cemeteries, salaries, Chairman	125.00
	" Member	100.00
	" Member	100.00
	general care, expenses	1600.00
	soldiers' graves	200.00

40	Pensions, retirement	3539.88	
41	Insurance, general	9000.00	
	" health	4010.00	
	" life	870.00	
42	Unclassified items		
	Memorial Day services	200.00	
	Veterans' Day services	60.00	
	Town clock	100.00	
	Town report	1000.00	
	Reserve fund (from overlay reserve)		6000.00
	Miscellaneous	500.00	
43	Sewer loans annual debt payment	3000.00	
	School loans annual debt payment	20000.00	
	Sewer loans, interest payment	650.00	
	School loans, interest payment	5355.00	
	Temporary notes, interest	650.00	

Art. 19. Voted to rescind action taken on Art. 7 at the special town meeting of September 29, 1959. Vote unanimous.

Art. 20. Voted to raise and appropriate $325.00 for a hand operated cancelling and receipting machine, said machine to be of the perforating dating type. Vote unanimous.

Art. 21. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Bicentennial Committee composed of five members and to raise and appropriate $500.00 for the expenses of said committee for planning the program, publicity, etc. Vote unanimous.

Art. 22. Voted that the Selectmen appoint a Town Report Committee composed of five members, one member to be from the 1960 Finance Committee, to take any steps necessary to make our Town Report more attractive and concise. Further that this committee consider the advisability of publishing the Town Report in two volumes, one of which will include the annual Town Warrant and Finance Committee' report only. Vote unanimous.

Art. 23. Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee composed of three members to investigate the Town Manager form of government, and that this committee make its report at the next annual town meeting. Vote unanimous.

Art. 24. Voted to authorize the Board of Assessors to be paid for additional work required maintaining our present assessment system, at the rate of $2.00 per hour, not to exceed the amount included in the expenses for the Assessors. Vote unanimous.

Art. 25. Voted to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee composed of three persons to survey and recommend a road improvement program, paying particular attention to School Bus and Mail Routes, said committee to make its report at our next annual meeting. Vote unanimous.

Art. 26. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for bills incurred in 1959:

Socony Mobil Oil Co.	Highway Dept.	$108.57
R. C. Gay, plowing sidewalks	Highway Dept.	24.00
Philorene Radio Comm. Co.	Police Dept.	53.62
Ernest M. Gay, telephone bill	" "	9.72
Morse & Morse, Attys.	Law	12.65
City of Boston	Veterans' aid	36.00
Francis P. Loftus	Police Dept.	56.25
Andrew T. Sears,	" "	8.22
Ada, L. Antonovitch	" "	42.50

Vote unanimous.

Art. 27. Voted that the By-law passed at the Town Meeting of February 9, 1925, nad approved by the Attorney General on March 26, 1925, which reads as follows: "The annual Town Meeting for the election of Town officers shall be held on the first Monday in February in each year, and the annual meeting for appropriations and action upon the articles in the Town Warrant shall be held on the second Monday in Ferbuary in each year.", be amended by striking out therefrom the following words: "on the first Monday in February in each year", and inserting in place thereof the following words: "on the first Monday in March in each year": and by striking out therefrom the following words: "on the second Monday in February in each year", and inserting in place thereof the following words: "on the second Monday in March in each year"; and by adding at the beginning of said by-law the following words: "Effective with the year 1961": so that said By-Law as amended shall read as follows: "Effective with the year 1961, the annual Town Meeting for the election of Town officers shall be held on the first Monday in March in each year, and the annual meeting for the appropriations and action upon the articles in the Town Warrant shall be held on the second Monday in March in each year."
Vote unanimous.

Art. 28. Voted to accept the locations of official bulletin boards as recommended by the Board of Registrars of Voters: Center, Lawrence Memorial Hall; northerly, Union School at Dwight, junction of Bay Road and Metacomet Street; southerly, Keyes and Depot Streets, intersection of South and South Liberty Streets: westerly, junction of Turkey Hill Road and Rockrimmon Road; and that the sum of $200.00 be raised and appropriated for making an installation of such boards at places specified. Vote unanimous.

Art. 29. Voted that the article be tabled. Vote unanimous.

Art. 30. Voted that the article be tabled. Vote unanimous.

Art. 31. Voted to transfer from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $884.02 to the Insurance Account. Vote unanimous.

Art. 32. Moved that the meeting be adjourned.

Adjourned at 10:12 P.M.

ATTEST: Robert D. Camp, Sr.
Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING MAY 16, 1960

Art. 1. To see if the Town will vote to validate and confirm the action taken by the Town under Article two (2), of the warrant for the Annual Town Meeting held February 8, 1960; whereby it was voted to appropriate from the War Memorial Fund the sum of $5504.32 for a War Memorial, or take an action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the interest account or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to provide for the installation and operation of a 1000 Lumen street light, on Pole #3, as located on Howard Street, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a table (metal) for the Town Clerk's office, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Dog Officer in the advertising of dogs in his possession, and for other incidental expenses pertinent to the duties of the Dog Officer, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to trade in the Case tractor and loader of 1951 for a new tractor and loader, said purchase to be put out for bids, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of sidewalks on the following streets, all public ways:

Franklin Street
North Washington Street
Jabish Street
Mill Valley Road
or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8 To see if the Town will vote to change the name of the street now known as Jabish Street on the maps of the Town, to Enfield Road, from the intersection of Route 9 to Enfield Road or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate from available funds the sum of $2500.00 for the construction on Jackson Street, such sum to represent the County share and this money to be reinstated to available funds when received from the County, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of putting a burm on the East side of the Common or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11 To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands this Seventh day of May 1960.

CHARLES F. AUSTIN
RAYMOND C. GAY
WALTER TOLPA, SR.
Selectmen of Belchertown

Action taken at Special Town Meeting dated, May 16, 1960.
Meeting called to order at 8:02 P.M.
Henry Renouf, Moderator Number of voters present—73

Art. 1. Voted in the negative (No—40 Yes—9)

Art. 2. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1065.00 for the interest account. (Unanimous)

Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $40.00 to provide for the installation and operation of a 1000 Lumen street light on Pole #3, Howard Street. (Unanimous)

Art. 4. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $80.00 for the purchase of a metal table for the Town Clerk's office. (Unanimous)

Art. 5. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 to be used by the Dog Officer for advertising all dogs in his possession, prior to destroying, as required by law, and for other incidental expenses pertinent to the duties of the Dog Officer. (Unanimous)

Art. 6. Voted to table. (Unanimous)

Art. 7. Voted to raise and appropriate the following sums of money for the improvement of sidewalks on the following streets, all public ways: Franklin, Jabish, North Washington Streets and Mill Valley Road; each $500.00. Total $2000.00 (Unanimous)

Art. 8. Voted to table. (1 vote in the negative.)

Art. 9. Motion amended and voted as follows: Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of $2000.00 for the highway construction on Jackson Street. (Unanimous)

Art. 10. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 for the purpose of putting a Berm on the East side of Park Street, East of the common. (Unanimous)

Art. 11. Voted to adjourn at 9:04 P.M.

A true copy, Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr., Town Clerk

Raised and Appropriated		Appropriated from available funds	
Art. 2	$1065.00	Art. 9	$2000.00
″ 3	40.00		
″ 4	80.00		
″ 5	50.00		
″ 7	2000.00		
″ 10	400.00		
Totals	$3635.00		$2000.00

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING JULY 18, 1960
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPSHIRE, SS.

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to rename the section of Jabish Street, from Route 9, north, to the terminus of Jabish Street at the gates of the Metropolitan Disrict Commission property, to Old Enfield Road, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to trade in the Case tractor and loader of 1951 for a new tractor and loader, and to raise and appropriate a sum of money to pay balance on new tractor and loader or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the expenditure of the funds now existing in the War Memorial account for the erection of a suitable War Memorial as authorized by the annual town meeting held February 8, 1960, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Road Machinery earnings account to the Road Machinery Expense account or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 11th day of July A.D. 1960

CHARLES F. AUSTIN
RAYMOND C. GAY
WALTER TOLPA, JR.

True attest copy
Ernest M. Gay, Constable

ACTION TAKEN AT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DATED JULY 18, 1960

Meeting opened at 8:00 P.M.
Henry Renouf, Moderator
Number present 78

Art. 1. Voted to rename that section of Jabish Street, from Route 9, north, to the terminus of Jabish Street at the gates of the Metropolitan District Commission property, to Old Enfield Road. Unanimous.

Art. 2. Voted to authorize the Selectmen to trade in the Case tractor and loader of 1951 for a new tractor-loader as follows: to appropriate from the Road Machinery Earnings account the sum of two thousand (2,000) dollars, and to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand (5,000) dollars. Unanimous.

Art. 3. Voted to authorize the expenditure by the War Memorial Committee of $5,637.29 now existing in the War Memorial account, for the erection of a suitable War Memorial, as authorized by the annual town meeting, held February 8, 1960. Yes 73 No 5

Art. 4. Voted to appropriate two thousand (2,000) dollars from the Road Machinery Earnings account to the Road Machinery Expense account. Unanimous.

Art. 5. Voted to adjourn at 8:30 P.M.

A true copy, Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr., Town Clerk

To raise & appropriate	Appropriated from available funds
Art. 2—5000.00	Art. 2—2000.00
	Art. 3—5637.29
	Art. 4—2000.00
$5000.00	$9637.29

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 1960

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a CLASS "A" record safe for the office of the Collector-Treasurer-Clerk, and erection or construction of a proper foundation, under the aforesaid office, or take any action relative thereto. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Art. 2. To see if the town will appropriate from Available Funds a sum of money to be used in conjunction with State and County money on Chauncey Walker Street, Route 21, or take any action relative thereto. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money to be used by the Bicentennial Committee in the 1961 Bicentennial Celebration or take any action relative thereto. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Art. 4. To see if the Town will instruct the Selectmen to appoint a School Building Committee composed of not less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) members, including one (1) member of the School Committee, and to appoint the Superintendent of Schools as an ex-officio member of the School Building Committee or take any action relative thereto. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Art. 5. To see if the Town will authorize and instruct the School Building Committee to:

(1) Evaluate various school building sites and recommend a site or sites for purchase by the Town.
(2) To be empowered to option site or sites as they see fit.
(3) Hire an architect.
(4) Prepare and present preliminary plans for a six year high school building for the approval of the Town within six (6) months or take any action relative thereto. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Art. 6. To see if the Town will appropriate from available funds the sum of $10,000 for the work of the School Building Committee, or take any action relative thereto. (Approved by Finance Committee)

Art. 7 To see if the Town will accept the report of the School Needs Committee or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 29th day of August, A.D. 1960

CHARLES F. AUSTIN
RAYMOND C. GAY
WALTER TOLPA, JR.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES OF THE WARRANT SPECIAL TOWN MEETING DATED SEPTEMBER 8, 1960

Art. 1. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,300.00 for the purchase of a class "A" record safe for the office of the Collector-Treasurer-Clerk, and erection or construction of a proper foundation, under the aforesaid office. Vote unanimous.

Art. 2. Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of $1,500.00 to meet the County's share of the cost of the work on Chauncey Walker Street, Route 21, the reimbursements from the County to be restored upon their receipt to unappropriated funds in the treasury. Vote unanimous.

Art. 3. Voted to raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to be used by the Bicentennial Committee in the 1961 Bicentennial celebration. Vote Yes 74 No 18

Art. 4. Voted to instruct the Selectmen to appoint a school building committee composed of not less than five (5) nor more than seven (7) members, including one (1) member of the school committee, and to appoint the superintendent of schools as an ex-officio member of the school building committee. Vote unanimous.

Art. 5. Voted to authorize and instruct the school building committee to:

(1) Evaluate various school building sites and recommend a site or sites for purchase by the town.
(2) To be empowered to option site or sites as they see fit.
(3) Hire an architect.
(4) Prepare and present preliminary plans for a six year high school building for the approval of the town within six (6) months. Vote—majority Yes.

Art. 6 Voted to appropriate from available funds the sum of $10,000.00 for the work of the school building committee. Vote unanimous.

Art. 7. Voted to accept the report of the school needs committee. Vote unanimous.

Art. 8 Voted to adjourn at 9:25 P.M.

A true copy, Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr., Town Clerk

Raised & Appropriated	Appropriated from available funds

Arts. 1 & 3	$6,300.00	Art. 2 & 6	$11,500.00

WARRANT FOR SPECIAL TOWN MEETING
NOVEMBER 21, 1960

Art. 1. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for election and registration or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 2. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for sanding and snow removal or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for disability assistance or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for general relief or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Given under our hands this 10th day of November, A.D. 1960

CHARLES F. AUSTIN
RAYMOND C. GAY
WALTER TOLPA, JR.

ACTION TAKEN UNDER ARTICLES OF THE SPECIAL TOWN MEETING, DATED NOVEMBER 21, 1960

Meeting opened at 8:40 P.M.
Quorum present
Moderator—Henry Renouf

Art. 1. Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of $650 for election and registrations. (Vote—unanimous)

Art. 2. Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of $2000 for sanding and snow removal. (Vote—unanimous)

Art. 3. Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of $1000 for disability assistance. (Vote—unanimous)

Art. 4 Voted, to raise and appropriate the sum of $100 for general relief. (Vote—unanimous)

Art. 5. Voted to adjourn 8:43 P.M.

A true report of the action, Attest: Robert D. Camp, Sr. Town Clerk

Amounts raised & Appropriated

Art. 1	650.00
Art. 2	2000.00
Art. 3	1000.00
Art. 4	100.00
Total	$3750.00

ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION, FEBRUARY 1, 1960

	Prec. A	Prec. B	Tot.
Moderator for 1 year—Vote for One			
Henry Renouf, Democrat	711	131	842
Louis Blackkmer	2		2
Carl Davis	1		1
John Cyran	1		1
Town Clerk for 1 year—Vote for 1			
Robert D. Camp, Sr., Republican	836	142	978
Selectman for 3 years—Vote for One			
Michael S. Mathras, Democrat—Nom. Pa.	448	85	533
Walter Tolpa, Jr., Independent	521	90	611
School Committee for 3 years—Vote for 1			
Andrew G. Ketchen, Republican	789	135	924
Assessor for 3 years—Vote for One			
Harold B. Ketchen, Republican	537	88	625
Frank L. Gold, Republican—Nom. Pa.	378	70	448
William F. Kimball, Jr.	1	0	1
Planning Board for 5 years—Vote for One			
Raymond V. Burke, Independent	813	134	947
Cemetery Commissioner for 3 years—Vote for One			
Elwyn H. Bock, Republican	816	119	935
Herbert Squires	3	0	3
Sewer Commissioner for 3 years—Vote for One			
Milton C. Baggs, Republican	806	132	938
Tree Warden for 1 year—Vote for One			
Albert W. Brown, Republican	836	145	981
Board of Health for 3 years—Vote for One			
Raymond C. Gay, Republican	781	118	899
Board of Health for 2 years—Vote for One			
Catherine L. Austin, Republican	625	101	726
Morris D. Blaine, Democrat—Nom. Pa.	302	60	362
Constables for 1 year—Vote for Five			
Adam L. Antonovitch, Republican	565	137	702
Ernest M. Gay, Republican	625	80	705
Andrew T. Sears, Republican	612	107	719
Herbert E. Squires, Republican	707	98	805
Frank P. Loftus, Democrat—Nom. Pa.	559	114	673
Alfred P. Atwood, Republican	394	33	427

Francis E. Goodrow, Democrat—Nom. Pa.	297	62	359
John Milner, Democrat—Nom. Pa.	243	46	289
Elmer M. Potter, Republican—Nom. Pa.	140	21	161
Total Votes Cast	978	182	1160

Registered Voters, January 12, 1960

PRECINCT A

Men	782	
Women	783	
		1565

PRECINCT B

Men	158	
Women	146	304
	Total	1869

REGISTERED REPUBLICANS

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Men	234	18	252
Women	219	16	235
	453	34	487

REGISTERED DEMOCRATS

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Men	88	45	133
Women	79	42	121
	167	87	254

Report of Fire Chief and Forest Warden

Board of Selectmen
Town of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.
Gentlemen,

The Fire Department answered the following calls during the year 1960:

21 Building fires
22 Grass and brush fires
3 Automobile fires
1 False alarm
5 Resuscitator calls

The estimated damage to buildings was $12,600, and estimated damage to contents was $2,300.

All existing water holes have been inspected, cleaned, and repaired, and two new water holes constructed. This was accomplished through the cooperation of the Highway Department.

Continued good cooperation by the Police Department and the telephone operators at the State School contribute immeasurably to the efficiency of the Fire Department.

Two important projects of the Firefighters Association include the complete restoration of Belchertown's first pumper—the so-called "Mary Jane" hand pumper. This piece has appeared in the anniversary celebrations of many neighboring towns.

Another major accomplishment is the purchase and out-fitting of a forestry truck to replace the former 1934 truck.

Both of the above projects have been financed with association funds at no cost to the town.

Respectfully submitted,
LOUIS E. FULLER
Fire Chief and Forest Fire Warden

Report of Building Inspector

In 1960 there were 66 permits issued:

14 on new construction, valuation	$114,000
12 on Garage, valuaiton	8,860
15 on Additions, valuation	26,350
18 on Repairs and Remodeling	13,125
7 on Tool Sheds, Milk Room, valuation	1,890
66 Permits issued, Total Valuation	$164,225

In 1959 there were 91 permits issued with a valuation of $426,475.

ERNEST DUCHARME, *Bldg. Insp.*

Report of Dog Officer

Selectmen of Belchertown
Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Dog Officer for the town of Belchertown:

I collected taxes on 97 dogs:

57 Males	$114.00
17 Females	85.00
23 Spayed	46.00
4 Kennels	40.00
Total	$285.00

Picked up 71 stray dogs and destroyed same.

Picked up 19 dogs hit by cars.

Made 15 calls to homes for investigations.

This year the Dog Officer was allotted $50.00 for advertising and miscellaneous. This advertising did much to help find owners.

Respectfully submitted,
WALLACE F. CHEVALIER
Dog Officer

Report of Tree Warden

AND MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Selectmen of Belchertown
Belchertown, Mass.

I herewith submit my annual report as the Belchertown Tree Warden.

During the year I trimmed low limbs and dead wood. I thinned out branches and removed undesirable trees.

I sprayed twice this year, once with 6% D.D.T. and again with 9% D.D.T.

There were four bad storms which caused damage to healthy trees.

Forty-seven trees were condemned for having Dutch Elm Disease.

I was re-elected President of the Western Massachusetts Tree Wardens and Moth Superintendents Association. I am also a member of the Massachusetts State Tree Wardens Association.

I am still interested in a tree planting program if funds could be made available.

I would like to thank the townspeople for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT W. BROWN

Tree Warden and Moth Superintendent

Report of Road Survey Committee

The Road Survey Committee appointed at the 1960 annual town meeting and composed of Michael S. Mathras, Theodore Soja and Frederick Lincoln met on numerous occasions during 1960. It was decided to make all our surveys only after our Highway Department had completed its 1960 work program. In the course of this survey each and every mile of road was traveled and rated according to its condition; however, before proceeding with any recommendations, we felt that the following information might prove interesting.

1. Belchertown has a total of 102.86 miles of roads within its borders.

2. Roads serviced by Chapter 90 funds total 23.19 miles.

3. Roads serviced by Chapter 81 funds total 79.67 miles.

4. All 23.19 miles of Chapter 90 roads are surfaced.

5. Of the 79.67 miles of Chapter 81 roads, 51.24 miles are still dirt roads, and only 28.43 miles are surfaced.

6. Of the 68.50 miles of SBM (School Bus and Mail) routes, 41 miles are surfaced, and 17.50 miles are still dirt roads.

7. Inasmuch as all Chapter 90 roads are surfaced, we must then concentrate on that portion of our road program that is covered by Chapter 81 funds. Of the $32,445.00 needed to maintain the Chapter 81 roads, the State pays 87.30%, or $28,325.00, and the balance, or the town share, is $4,120.00.

8. The Engineering Department of the Department of Public Works provided this committee with the following figures relating to the approximate cost of resurfacing a given mile of road 18' wide, with either of the two types of surfacing currently in use.

a. Surfaced in Bituminous Concrete (The smooth, deep hard surface used on heavily traveled or Chapter 90 roads) at an approximate cost of $15,000.00 per mile.

b. Surfaced with a Gravel Asphalt Penetration (The type of surface currently used on our secondary or Chapter 81 roads) at an approximate cost of $7,000.00 per mile.

After studying the above figures, this committee was a bit awed and perhaps a bit frightened with the potential scope of any program that would have to provide for the surfacing of some 51 miles of roads with an average cost of approximately $7,000.00 per mile. It was one thing to come up with a program that involved nothing more than simple arithmetic, but still another when we had to consider the financial structure and condition of the town that must sponsor it. We are currently faced with a very essential school building program that will certainly involve the expenditure of thousands of dollars. With this fact in mind, we must then suggest what will prove to be the most effective, yet least expensive road building program possible. It seems that the 17.50 miles of unpaved SBM routes represent the most heavily traveled secondary roads in town. It is definitely our responsibility to provide our children with roads that will insure their safety on their trips to and from school.

While making our survey, we graded all roads, or portions thereof, into three categories:

1. Any surfaced road was rated as Good.

2. Any well-tended and relatively smooth dirt road was rated as Fair.

3. Any dirt road that required fill and/or grading to make it readily passable, was graded as Poor.

We were pleased to find that most of the dirt roads in town were fairly well kept up, and only portions of the roads listed below needed either grading, widening, or drainage to bring them up into the Fair category.

Gulf Rd.
G. Hannum Rd.
Kimball St.
Jensen Rd.
Dressel Ave.
Keith Ave.
Munsell St.
Underwood St.
Kopiac Ave.
Barton Ave.
Shaw St.
Railroad St.
Hamilton St.
Gold St.
Fletcher Ave.
Summit St.
Cordner Rd.

Inasmuch as the condition of each mile of the above listed roads is of vital importance to those living on, or traveling over them, we feel that in the Spring meeting with the Department of Public Works Engineers, particular emphasis should be placed on the above roads, and an all-out effort be made to bring them into at least a Fair category.

Admittedly, long-range programs are "guestimates", since they are fraught with the uncertainties of the future. However, if we were to be very conservative and provide one mile of surfacing per year and try to prevail upon the Dept. of Public Works to match this mile out of the regular Chapter 81 allotment, we could well get two miles of newly surfaced road at at an additional cost of only $7,000.00 per year. The administration and continuation of any such program would of course have to be left in the hands of the Board of Selectmen.

In conclusion, we come to the most important part of this program—the cost. The additional appropriation of $7,000.00 per year exclusively for this project would reflect itself in our tax rate with an increase of approximately $1.00. It is the sincere belief of this committee that a program of this nature is badly needed in Belchertown and hope that the Board of Selectmen will consider it.

Respectfully submitted,

MICHAEL S. MATHRAS
THEODORE SOJA
FREDERICK LINCOLN

Report of Committee to Investigate Town Manager Form of Government

Article 23, at the annual town meeting in February, 1960, authorized the appointment of a committee to investigate the Town Manager form of government. This has been done by two methods: visiting towns where the Town Manager form of government is now in operation, talking with officials, and studying acts establishing the Selectmen-Town Manager form of government in various towns in the Commonwealth as approved by the Massachusetts Legislature.

Under the Selectmen-Town Manager form of government, the Selectmen are responsible for formulating general policies for administering the affairs of the town and for furnishing information about the affairs of the town to the voters and the public. The Selectmen appoint the Town Manager, and usually appoint a board of appeals, election officers, registrars of voters, and trustees of various trust funds.

The Town Manager is responsible for supervising and administering all departments and activities of the town except those headed by officers, boards, committees, or commissioners elected by the voters or appointed by the Selectmen or by the Moderator.

The offices of Moderator, School Committee, Library Trustees, and Planning Board, and in a great many cases the Finance Committee are usually elected by the voters.

The Town Manager usually appoints the Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector, Counsel, Board of Assessors, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, Director of Public Works, Fire Chief, Police Chief, etc.

Appointments and elections of various town officials can be decided on at the discretion of the voters when the Town Manager form of government is adopted.

Some of the various duties that the Town Manager is responsible for are:

1. Efficient administration of all offices under his management.
2. Reorganization and consolidation of departments under his management.
3. Determination of the compensation of those town officials and employees under his management.
4. Purchase of all supplies, materials, and equipment of officials and departments under his management.
5. Attendance at all meetings of the Board of Selectmen.
6. Keeping Selectmen advised of needs of the town.
7. Keeping of full and complete records.
8. Prosecution and defense of legislation to which the town is a party.

The functions of a School Committee are usually not changed by the adoption of the Town Manager form of government.

Those Massachusetts towns where the Town Manager form of government is presently used (such as Amherst, Falmouth, Dedham, and Holden) are larger in population than Belchertown and consequently do a much larger volume of town business.

No Massachusetts towns have so organized that one Manager is appointed for two or more towns.

This committee thinks that the Town Manager form of government is an efficient method of running the town government but does not feel that it can recommend it to be brought before the voters for adoption at this time because of the increased cost to the town for its administration.

STANFORD J. HARRINGTON, *Chairman*
BELDING F. JACKSON
HAROLD W. WILLEY

Report of Summer Recreation Committee

Parson's Field this year, as in past years, was busy almost every night with a full schedule of softball, baseball, and Peewee baseball. Much volunteer work was done to keep the field in good shape, and to improve the grounds; this included new wire on the backstop, repairing of swings, and spreading lime over the field, and plans are in progress for installing a new drinking fountain in the spring. We give thanks to Barney Tolpa for grading the many loads of loam which were badly needed in right field, and was brought in by the town from construction on Jackson Street. We are grateful to Willard Young Sr. and to Howard Spencer for their willing and untiring work, both here, and also at the Town Beach.

The Red Cross Swimming Program was offered again this year, beginning July 19 and ending August 18, under the direction of William Richards, of Eaglebrook School, Deerfield. We wish to thank Judy Dana and Susan Skinner, who volunteered to assist the instructor with the younger groups. There were 139 youngsters registered, with an average daily attendance of 95, and a total of 89 receiving Beginner and Red Cross Certificates for completing the requirements. It was suggested by Mr. Richards that the Junior and Senior Life Saving lessons be continued for four extra lessons in order to complete the course. Six young people received certificates on completion of requirements, with the others to continue on next year. At his own suggestion, eight adults also joined in swimming instruction, which was given one-half hour before the other classes began.

A Town Beach Association was formed, with permission of the Board of Selectmen, when conditions at the Beach were noted by interested townspeople in connection with the increasing number of people using the Beach during Swimming instruction. Nine volunteers from various organizations set up and published rules and regulations for the safety of those using the beach. A test of the water was taken and the results published. The committee toured the beach area in mid-summer to determine its further possibilities. Preliminary research revealed that according to the Registry of Deeds, the town owns approximately eight acres of land connected with the beach area. A layout plan is being drawn up, with a site for a larger parking area to be of prime importance. Several loads of sand were brought in by the town to fill the shallow water area where instructions are held. Arrangements were made for regular cleaning of rest rooms and waterfront; extra barrels were placed to encourage keeping the beach clean. Definite plans for restricting the beach to town residents and their guests by way of registration for free automobile stickers are planned for early spring; the most important reason for this being careless breakage of bottles, and other acts of vandalism. Improvements in the conditions at the beach were noted toward the middle of the swimming season, due to the interest and co-operation of those using our Town Beach; we thank you, too.

MRS. JOHN FLAHERTY
MR. WALTER TOLPA
MR. WILLARD YOUNG, SR.
Summer Recreation Committee

REPORT OF THE TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE

We met four times during the year to discuss and make plans for a new format for the Town Report. It was suggested that a separate pamphlet containing the town warrant and the report and recommendations of the Finance Committee, as well as the School Financial report be printed as early as possible, and given general distribution in order that the public be well informed previous to the annual Appropriations Meeting. We would like to study this plan further, perhaps to be a fact next year. We suggest a larger form for the report and to include photographs of the various activities in the town.

We respectfully request that the life of this committee be extended in order to complete this project during our Bicentennnial year.

Respectfully submitted,
TOWN REPORT COMMITTEE
JOHN NELSON, Chm.

Annual Report

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

ORGANIZATION

School Committee

	Term Expires
HAROLD W. WILLEY, Chairman	1961
PHILLIS FLAHERTY, MRS.	1962
ANDREW G. KETCHEN	1963

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary of School Committee

CARL J. PETERSON South Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 4791
Telephone Office: 3111

Secretary and Clerk

MAY ROSE DEWEY Superintendent's Office
Telephone Residence: 3591
CAROL E. HUBBARD Principal Donald E. Geer's Office
Telephone Residence: 6631
RUBY MARTIN Principal Guy E. Harrington's Office
Telephone Residence: 4722

Meetings of School Committee

At 7:30 P. M. on the Second Tuesday of the Month
In the Superintendent's Office at Clapp Memorial Library

School Nurse

MRS. TIRZAH JUSKALIAN, R. N., Green Avenue, Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 2832
Telephone Office: 4371

School Physician

JAMES L. COLLARD, M. D. Maple St., Belchertown
Telephone Office: 2411

Attendance Officer

WILLIAM F. KIMBALL, JR. Main St., Belchertown
Telephone Residence: 4351

No School Signal

4 Siren Signals at 7:15 A. M.

Report of School Committee

To The Citizens of Belchertown:

The Committee held twenty-nine regular and special meetings during the year. In addition the Committee is represented by single membership on the Summer Recreation, Old Town Hall, and High School Building Committees. Although no business is or can be transacted except at an official meeting, each member has often been called upon individually to discuss and investigate matters pertaining to local educational problems. Not to diminish these contacts but rather to expedite definite decisions and action, the Committee wishes to remind everyone that the proper forum for the registration of complaints, suggestions and requests is the Committee meeting. In addition to the regularly scheduled meetings on the second Tuesday of each month, special meetings can be conveniently arranged when matters of urgency are presented.

The acceptance by the Town of the Report of The School Needs Committee and the appointment of a High School Building Committee indicates continued progress toward the solution of the most vexing local school problem in recent years. This problem is the elimination of overcrowded classrooms at the elementary level and the provision for adequate facilities at the secondary level not only to house the pupils but also to provide them with the proper educational environment. The Committee has provided the Building Committee with the educational specifications for the secondary program and will continue to assist in every way possible by providing meeting facilities, information, materials, and the services of professional staff personnel.

In recent years the Committee has annually found it necessary to adopt some expediency to overcome the space limitations that become more acute as the school population increases. During 1960 the Committee transferred the grade five pupils from Franklin School to Cold Spring School, improving the teacher-pupil ratio at Franklin School where each teacher has a double grade. An additional teacher was hired for Cold Spring School to assist with the increased teaching load brought about by the assignment in 1958 of all grade six and in 1960 of all grade five pupils to the building.

The overcrowding of school buildings aggravates the problem of maintenance which involves both repair and replacement. Records indicate that in past years the money made available by appropriation for this purpose was woefully inadequate. Former Committees have been cautioned to "hold the line" to avoid possible tax increases. This has been a false economy, resulting in heavier repairs in a period of increasing costs for both materials and labor. Most of the major repairs accomplished in 1960 in each building are outlined in the reports of the Pincipals. The program ahead is already outlined into the ensuing years, and annual priorities will be established to prevent waste through neglect. In considering maintenance, it is obvious to everyone that: the leaking roof must be patched; the exterior wooden trim repainted; the worn floor replaced, etc. But, of even greater importance, is the perservation of pupil sight through improved lighting and pupil health through the replacement of unsanitary lavatory facilities, inadequate ventilating devices and antiquated drinking fountains.

Closely allied to Maintenance is the Operation Budget. This is the money spent for items such as: fuel, electricity, cleaning supplies, and the custodial service. The modern terminology of custodian or keeper of a school building better describes the function of this position than the word janitor. The Committee appreciate the work and interest that has been shown by the custodial staff. Their diligent attention to daily duty has helped to minimize expensive maintenance and when time and available equipment has permitted, they have painted and made repairs at substantial financial benefits to the town. To coordinate the custodial services in all the school buildings, to insure maximum efficiency in the use of labor and materials, and to assist with the continuing organization and fulfillment of the maintenance program, the Committee named Mr. George Dewey as Head Custodian. During the short time that this arrangement has been in operation, it is evident that it will result in better and more efficient care of school property, and that the Superintendent will be relieved of many time-consuming operational details, to enable him to devote more time to the instructional program.

In addition to the budget appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting, the Committee has received money from two Federal Funds. $453.17 was received in accordance with the provisions of Title III of Public Law 85-864, which is the National Defense Education Act. The purpose is to strengthen instruction in Science, Mathematics and Modern Foreign Languages. This was the balance due on the 1959-1960 application, and the money was spent for science equipment previously authorized by the Massachusetts Department of Education. By application under Public Law 874, which provides for a reimbursement for the education of pupils whose parents are employed on federal property, the amount of $5,402.91 was received. Some of this money has been spent to comply with the local dollar matching requirements for a grant under the N. D. E. Act previously mentioned. The balance has been earmarked to provide for a secondary school guidance service to begin in September of 1961, and for which the town will receive an additional federal grant under Public Law 85-864, Title V.

The original Cold Spring District School was located at the junction of Michael Sears Road and Cold Spring Road. In 1936 this building was closed, and in the words of Mr. Herman Knight, the Superintendent of Schools at that time, "The closing of the School in itself was a matter of educational note, as it had served a community for many years, and had been taught by local people who had left a marked impression upon the youth of that locality." Miss Alice Flaherty, who was the last teacher to teach in this building, continued to leave a lasting impression for good on subsequent generations of children as she continued her teaching at Center School, and finally at the new Cold Spring School located in the center of town. Miss Flaherty was a natural and dedicated teacher, whose teaching abilities were discerned while she was still a student in the local high school, and who upon graduation was entrusted with the responsibility of teaching in a District School. Her professional training was acquired through experience and attendance at part-time professional courses, yet it can be truly said she was a master teacher. The Committee note with sadness her passing during her thirty-eighth year of teaching.

By unanimous vote, the Belchertown School Committee respectfully asks the town to appropriate the sum of $297,545.00 for the running of the schools during 1961, and for the Vocational Education Program the amount of $13,160.00.

PROPOSED BUDGET 1961

	1960	1961
General Control	$12,920.00	$14,450.00
Instruction	168,780.00	189,893.00
Operation of Schools	26,500.00	30,005.00
Maintenance	8,000.00	8,000.00
Transportation	35,400.00	35,926.00
Health	5,145.00	5,392.00
Miscellaneous	1,240.00	1,510.00
Household Arts	6,380.00	6,767.00
Capital Outlay	4,050.00	5,000.00
Library	680.00	602.00
	$269,095.00	$297,545.00

Section 10 of School Aid, Chapter 643, Acts of 1948, requires School Committees when sbmitting their school budgets, to include an estimate of the following receipts:

Group A.		
1. School Aid, Chapter 643	$41,570.13	
2. Transportation	30,322.31	
3. Superintendent's Reimbursement	3,333.33	
4. Vocational Education	3,050.08	$78,275.85
Group B.		
1. Tuition and Transportation (State Wards)		7,656.69
		$85,932.54
Approximate amount to be raised by local taxation		$211,612.46

Very truly yours,

HAROLD W. WILLEY, *Chairman*
PHILLIS FLAHERTY
ANDREW G. KETCHEN

Report of Superintendent of Schools

INTRODUCTION

Members of the School Committee and Citizens of Belchertown:

This is my ninth anuual report on the Belchertown Public Schools.

1960 has been a year of educational struggle both at the high and elementary grade levels. The overcrowding of classrooms with the resulting large teacher-pupil ratios and the lack of adequate facilities have placed a heavy burden on the teachers and administrators. Temporary frustration, however, is not resulting in a surrender to the philosophy that what is being done "educationally" is good enough. The goal to provide a sound elementary and secondary education, second to none, for the boys and girls in Belchertown, is being slowly advanced in spite of the obstacles that have to be overcome.

The decision of the Citizens at The Special Town Meeting to proceed with preliminary planning for a new secondary building is most encouraging since it does indicate that education locally is a matter of concern to everyone.

The detailed reports of the Principals and Supervisors highlight the building improvements, personnel changes and curriculum developments. I am confining my report to areas not covered by these reports and where my recommendations can be realized regardless of the time when new and adequate facilities are available.

SCHOOL ORGANIZATION

The local school system has for many years been officially organized on what is known as the 8-4 plan. This means that the elementary program includes grades one through eight and grades nine through twelve comprise the secondary school. Since the present high school building was first occupied in 1923 and until 1954 all grade eight students attended school in this building. When the Cold Spring Elementary School was completed Center School was designated as an upper elementary building for grades seven and eight and it has now come to be more commonly referred to as the Junior High School. The present arrangement is a modified 6-2-4 plan.

I recommend the adoption of a 6-6 plan of school organization designating the first six grades as elementary and grades seven through twelve as secondary. The leadershp of each area to be under the administration and supervision of a full time principal. The principal could then organize and utilize all space facilities and faculty at his level of administration to the optimum educational advantage of the pupils and the most efficient financial operation of the schools.

SALARY SCHEDULE

A good school system requires first of all a faculty of trained, experienced and dedicated teachers. Locally there is not sufficient supervisory personnel to adequately train college educated men and women who are equipped with the subject matter background, but who lack the professional training necessary for immediate success as a teacher. Thus, it is imperative that the starting salary for a beginner be raised to a level that is equal to or better than most beginning salaries in this area. This would make it possible to hire only candidates for teaching positions who have had a professional preparation, including practice teaching.

Previous successful experience as a teacher is a most valuable criterion in considering a candidate. Locally with no provision in the schedule to allow salary credit for out-of-town experience, it is not possible to consider experienced teachers except those, who for their own personal reasons, are willing to accept a position in Belchertown at the minimum rate. Often, however, good candidates have refused because of better salary opportunities in the area. It has been to the good fortune of our school system that at times the commuting distance or the absence of vacancies in neighboring school systems has made it possible to hire teachers with a background of successful experience. To guarantee in future years a faculty that will be experienced as well as trained, the salary schedule should be revised accordingly.

THE SCHOOL CALENDAR

Because the pattern of living in this region is no longer based upon an agricultural economy the length of the school day and year should be revised. The immediate step should be the lengthening of the school year. The General Laws require a high school to be in session a minimum of 180 days. To comply with the legal requirement and allow for a few no-school days due to adverse weather condtions, it has been customary to plan 182-185 days per year. The new schedule should plan for a minimum of 188 days in anticipation that it will be necessary to close a few days because of weather, but in general it will be possible to have at least 185 days of school. One step that will guarantee two additional days each year is the rescheduling of the Winter vacation to include Washington's Birthday and the Spring vacation to include Patriots' Day.

The elementary school year should also be extended to a minimum of 180 or more days. This would be in line with what is current practice in at least 112 school systems in the Commonwealth.

SCHOOL LUNCH PROGRAM

In the 1959 Annual Report there was an excellent detailed account by Mrs. Phyllis Mullane, Cafeteria Manager, of the first five years of the operation of the school cafeteria. The public acceptance of this program, measured by pupil participation, appears to be very high. Yet, in spite of the high percentage of pupil participation, the costs of operation due to: the rising cost of food; a reduction in surplus commodities; and the transportation of food to all school buildings has developed a financial trend which indicates that the cafeteria program may not be able to continue to operate on a self-sustaining basis. I recommend that some money be appropriated annually to insure the continuation of this program and that the money be spent for the salary of the Manager according to the recommendations of The Massachusetts School Lunch Office.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

The boy graduating from the elementary and junior high program of studies, who is not interested in taking a four year academic high school course, has the opportunity to attend excellent vocational high schools in neighboring cities and towns. The cost of his tuition is paid by the Town and reimbursed fifty percent by the Commonwealth. He must make his own travel arrangements but here again financial assistance by the Town and Commonwealth is provided. It needs to be emphasized that this program is not for a boy who is looking for a lazy way to comply with the school attendance law until he is sixteen years of age. Plans are underway to insure that only students with a sincere desire to learn, who can profit from this instruction, be permitted to attend. Trade high schools must, because of increasing enrollments, limit participation in certain courses and therefore it is important that a boy make a decision in the Spring regarding his choice of school and the trade course he wishes to take. When the secondary school guidance program is functioning, it will be possible to give more local orientation to a boy interested in taking part in this type of educational program.

An area innovation that is in the early discussion stages at this time is the possible reorganization of New Salem Academy, which now serves only as a vocational school, into a Regional School for this purpose. This matter should be studied very carefully because participation in such a regionalization might be very advantageous to Belchertown. Some definite advantages are: 100% reimbursement from the Commonwealth for transportation to the school; the insurance of a vocational school program in future years when some of the presently attended trade schools might not be able to take non-resident pupils because of overcrowding; local participation on the regional committee operating the school; and, an additional 15% return from the State on the local Chapter 643 School Aid Reimbursement, granted to school systems participating in a regional program. This extra percent in 1960 would have amounted to $6,235.59.

Mention should be made at this time of the desire expressed by some girls to enroll in a four-year vocational program. The local Household Arts Course given at the high school level is a two-year program offered in grades nine and ten. Upon completion a girl has no alternative other than to return to an academic program, or transfer to a trade high school. Because it is virtually impossible to find reliable adult drivers whose place of employment and work schedule enables them to provide transportation for these girls, they have not been able to continue in a vocational training program, except at the post-graduate level.

CONCLUSION

In closing this report I quote from the 1859-1860 Annual Report of the School Committee: "Let us also have appropriations sufficent to procure the best teaching talent in the community, together with a judicious supervision, supported by a manifest interest on the part of all parents, and you have the essential elements of such a grade of schools as we have indicated.

"This we do not expect can be accomplished immediately, but nothing short of this should be our end and aim, and towards the accomplishment of this object should all our efforts for the cause of education among us be steadily and perseveringly directed."

One hundred years has not lessened the need for continued effort in the cause of good education. To the School Committee, school personnel, town officials, parents and interested citizens I express my appreciation for the coneinued support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL J. PETERSON
Superintendent of Schools

Report of High School Principal

Dear Mr. Peterson:

My annual report as Principal of Belchertown High School is herewith submitted.

The enrollment at the opening of school on September 7, 1960 was:

	Boys	Girls	Total
Seniors	29	28	57
Juniors	24	32	56
Sophomores	28	29	57
Freshmen	38	30	68
	—	—	—
	119	119	238

The graduating class of 1960 was the largest in the history of Belchertown High School. There were 40 members in the class. Of this group, John Burke, George Dickinson, James Lumley, Sheila Mullane, and Lura Smith are enrolled at the University of Massachusetts; Marilyn Dupuis, Martha Mathras, Elizabeth Papp, and Patricia Sobzak entered the Westfield State Teachers College; Dona Copithorne is a student at Simmons College; Peter Demetropoulos is attending Norwich University; Carol Field is studying at the University of Connecticut; Jeanne McCullough has entered Boston University; Barbara Stefanowich is studying at Our Lady of the Elms College; Daniel Miron has been accepted in the General Electric Apprentice Program; Barbara Smith is attending New England College; Michael Forgue is receiving training at the New England Broadcasting School; Jacqueline Hebert is a student at the Northampton Commerical College; Fred Galanski is attending the Western New England College; Albert Dudek is enrolled in Holyoke Junior College; Dexter Beals and Pierre Hebert are members of the United States Air Force; Robert Demers has joined the U. S. Navy; William Wegiel has enlisted in the Coast Guard; Marilyn Austin, Marilyn Codraro, Eloise Eaton, Carol Lequin, Sandra Michalak, Joanne Syriac, and Donna Thomas are or have been employed by the Monarch Life Insurance Company; Barbara Boyko and Marlene Ritter are working for the Hampden Glazed Paper Company; Georgette Forest is employed by the Sonoco Company in Holyoke; Dorothy Kozlik has a position with the Thorndike Mills; Walter Kumpulainen is working for the Zero Manufacturing Company; Ronald Landers is working for the Woolen Mills in Ware; Judith Reed has engagements with Television and Radio Stations; Elizabeth Theriault is married; and Sondra Grout and Carol Keller are at home.

Of this graduating class, 20 of the 43 have continued their education by entering institutions of higher learning, and four boys have enlisted in the U. S. Services.

Belchertown High School has three new faculty members this year. Mrs. Jeanne Hofmann teaches classes in English. Mr. Ronald Hofmann has classes in history and mathematics, and Stanley Czech, who formerly taught in the Center School, gives instruction in bookkeeping, commercial law, business arithmetic, and physical education.

The usual awards and scholarships were made last June at Commencement. Barbara Stefanowich also received an award from the Polish Association in Palmer and a $250 scholarship from the Massachusetts Scholarship Foundation, Inc. Appreciation is extended to the local P.T.A. for that organization's establishing a scholarship for some student entering the teaching profession.

Belchertown High School Program of Studies is divided into three tracts: (1) College Preparatory, (2) Commercial Preparation, and (3) General Curriculum. The following chart represents the number of students enrolled in each of these divisions.

Class	College	Commercial	General	Total
Freshman	37	9	22	68
Sophomore	30	13	14	57
Junior	29	19	8	56
Senior	23	18	16	57
	—	—	—	—
Total	119	59	60	238

The picture will change somewhat when the freshmen and sophomores become juniors and seniors. It seems reasonable to expect that some now enrolled in the general curriculum will alter their courses.

Some advanced long-range program of curriculum development has been attempted. In science, one division of grade 9 studies biology. In grade 10 chemistry is studied, while in grade 11 physics is given and in grade 12 a course in advanced science will be offered. The study of French can be elected at the beginning of the sophomore year. This gives pupils an opportunity of having three years of that language during their high school course.

The Student Council has been creative, persuasive and instrumental in discharging its functions. It has undertaken several activities which have been beneficial to the school: (1) UNICEF, (2) State School collections, (3) March of Dimes, (4) Red Cross Drive, (5) Activity Programs, (6) Assembly Programs, and (7) Fair Day parking.

The Auto Driving Course has continued this year under the direction of Mr. Gerald Tremaine. At the present time there are 28 pupils taking the classroom work, and 37 students received their licenses during 1960. The class is fortunate to have a new Chevrolet for the on-the-road training, through the courtesy of Mr. William Webster local representative of the Gibson Chevrolet Company.

In September 1960, the pupils of the four classes took the Iowa Tests of Educational Development. Fifteen students participated in the National Merit Scholarship Examinations. The seniors were tested by the Ware Office of the Massachusetts Employment Service. The results of these tests were later explained to the pupils as a service of the Ware office.

Outstanding work has been done by the band and chorus at various functions and musical festivals. Appearances have been made during the past year by some members of these groups at Hadley, Orange, Athol, Worcester and West Springfield.

The strong support accorded the school's athletic program by community groups is very much appreciated and is worthy of mention in this report. Perhaps the Booster Club has indicated the most interest. Our teams have had another successful year in sports. The basketball squad was runner-up in the Franklin League and the baseball team again took top honors last spring. Credit is due to the members of the cheerleader squads and the pep club organizations. I feel that pupils have received good sound training under the direction of Coach James O'Leary. They have displayed good sportsmanship which, perhaps, is more important than winning or losing. The girls' softball team, under the direction of Miss Barbara Ernest, made a good start this year.

It is interesting to note that 184 students and seven members of the school personnel enrolled in the school insurance plan last fall.

Representatives of the high school have attended a D.A.R. gathering, Science Fair at the University of Massachusetts, Student Government Day convention at Boston, Boys' State assembly at the University of Massachusetts, the American Legion District Oratorical Contest, and a Student Traffic Safety Conference of Western Massachusetts at Amherst. Thirty business education students participated in the annual NOMA spelling contest, and of this number, seven qualified for their first certificate. Two secretarial students were present at the annual education night program in Springfield last March.

I extend my thanks to you and the School Committee for your continued and valued assistance and to the members of the school staff for their loyal devotion to Belchertown High School.

Respectfully submitted,
GUY E. HARRINGTON
Principal of the High School

Report of Franklin School Principal

Dear Mr. Peterson:

I take pleasure in presenting my annual report as Franklin School Principal.

On September 9 school reopened for the 1960-1961 school year. We had one change in the teaching personnel. Mrs. Marilyn Hayward, teacher of Grades I & II was hired to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Lucy Sullivan. Due to overcrowded conditions in all the rooms, it was necessary to transfer the fifth grade students to Cold Spring School.

During the summer the renovation program was continued. The hall and lavatory floors were covered with tile, and a new front door replaced the old one so that now the school has a new front and rear door, thus giving the building a "new look." Hot water is now available in the lavatories.

The work that was started on the basketball court last year was completed. Not only the school children but the teenagers have used the court extensively. The youngsters of the community have spent many happy hours there and have derived much pleasure from it.

The new revised Scott Foresman readers were provided for Grade II. New revised American Singers were purchased for Grade III, and a new social studies series for Grade IV. These books have up-to-date, bright, colorful illustrations which appeal to the children's interest in these lower grades. When the students' interest is aroused by examining the illustrations in a social studies book, they are stimulated to read and obtain knowledge of a particular subject.

Several books were added to the library with a reading level ranging from Grade I to Grade V and an interest level ranging from Kindergarten to Grade VII. It is our hope that through the use of these books students will learn to enjoy reading and be motivated to make oral and written reports which will help to develop their oral and written expression. This reading will be a challenge for some of the students to do research work.

Mrs. Mary Ann Rowe, Regional Story Teller, visited us during the year. She told stories and showed films which the children enjoyed immensely. The bookmobile visits regularly and gives the students an opportunity to select books which they will enjoy reading.

Education Week was observed during the week of November 7. This gave the parents an opportunity to discuss their children's work with the teachers and to learn the progress their children are making in school. Through the use of a folder to show each child's papers, a parent observed the type and quality of work his child was doing. Children will develop better educationally and socially only through the cooperation of parents and teachers.

Officer Walter C. Heffern, assistant supervisor of special services in safety education, visited the students and spoke to them about safety rules. He also showed them several interesting safety films.

The testing program was continued this year witth the Stanford Achievement test being given in Grades I and II and the Iowa Tests of Educational Development in Grades III and IV. It is of interest and concern to the teachers to note the student's individual progress on these tests from year to year. We also strive to help a child strengthen the subjects in which he may be found to have a relative weakness. The Otis Quick Scoring Intelligence Test was administered to Grades II and V and enables us to determine whether a child is utilizing the abilities and intelligence that he possesses.

It is our objective that by helping a student use his intelligence he will become a happy, useful citizen of whom we are proud. If a child shows above average ability in certain subjects, it is imperative that we guide him in developing his abilitiees so that both he and his country will derive the maximum benefits from his talents.

A sound projector and films were obtained. Films which correlate with various units being taught are used. The student discusses the material in class and reads about it. His learning is then reinforced through the learning medium—the sound projector.

We owe our custodian, Mr. Albert Dudek, a word of appreciation for his part in keeping our building clean and neat.

In conclusion may I express my thanks to you, the School Committee, and to those who have cooperated in the education of our children who will be tomorrow's citizens.

Respectfully submitted,
ELEANOR FITZGERALD
Principal of Franklin School

Report of Cold Spring and Center School Principal

Mr. Carl J. Peterson
Superintendent of Schools
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Dear Mr. Peterson:

Following is the fourth annual report of the Principal of the Cold Spring and Center Schools.

The enrollment at the Cold Spring School on the opening day in September was 437. At Center School the total was 150. The present enrollment at Cold Spring is 439 and at Center 157. The distribution by grades follows:

Grade	Boys	Girls	Total
1	51	22	73
2	36	29	65
3	35	34	69
4	33	33	66
5	48	32	80
6	43	43	86
7	46	33	79
8	41	37	78

The total in grade five includes 15 pupils from Franklin School who were transferred to help alleviate the crowded condition in that building.

Personnel changes during the year included the resignation of Mrs. June Smith and Mrs. Camille Dutcher at the Cold Spring School. Mrs. Barbara Yanginski and Mrs. Roslyn Goldberg were appointed to these vacancies. In addition, Mrs. June Moskal was appointed to fill a temporary vacancy created by the illness of Miss Alice Flaherty. Mrs. Mary Avery was appointed as an additional teacher in grade six. At the Center School, Mr. Paul Whitlock was appointed to fill a vacancy created by the transfer of Mr. Stanley

Czech to the High School.

Because the classes in grades five and six became excessively large when the students from Franklin School were transferred, a teacher was added to assume a portion of the load in these grades. Mrs. Mary Avery was assigned as a classroom teacher in grade six and Mr. William Dickinson was assigned the teaching of math, science, and boys' physical education in grades five and six. In this way each teacher in these grades is released at some time during the day when she may evaluate the written work of her children and develop her lesson plans.

The building renovation program during the past year included the reconditioning of the boys' room at Center and the painting of the exterior surfaces. The interior painting program at Cold Spring began with the painting of one of the classrooms.

A black-top area, 60 feet by 40 feet, was constructed on the playground at Center. This area is used during physical education classes in the fall and spring and provides an early opportunity for basketball workouts by the Center School team.

During the past year the textbook replacement program continued with the replacement of the English texts in grades seven and eight and the math, science, and social studies texts in grade five.

The combined boys' and girls' glee club at the Center School presented special concerts at the High School and for the children at the State School. In addition, a program was conducted at the Barre Junior High School as the beginning of what is hoped will be a series of exchange programs with other junior high schools.

For the second year the students in grades seven and eight conducted a science exhibit program in which individual students displayed and demonstrated various science projects for the benefit of the students in grades six, seven, and eight. These projects were judged with the winning exhibit being displayed at the High School science fair.

Once again grade eight participated in the Science Count-Down program sponsored by Lowell Technical Institute and WBZ-TV.

Mr. Robert Donovan, Director of Guidance at Ware High School, has been working on Saturday mornings administering the Stanford-Binet Intelligence scales to pupils whose progress has not been satisfactory. This program is being conducted at the request of the State Department of Education.

The quality of the maintenance work at the two buildings continues to be excellent. Mr. Dewey, in assuming the responsibility of all the buildings, has been able to accomplish many tasks through the cooperation of his custodial staff which have contributed a great deal to the general upkeep of the buildings.

In conclusion, may I thank all those who assisted in the conducting of our school program this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
DONALD E. GEER, Principal
Center-Cold Spring Schools

Report of Household Arts Supervisor

Dear Mr. Peterson:

The total number of girls enrolled in Household Arts is 95, an increase of three over last year, divided into classes as follows:

Seventh Grade	34
Eighth Grade	38
Ninth Grade	14
Tenth Grade	9

The Junior High girls learn the fundamentals of hand and machine sewing, and make simple cotton garments. The Eighth Grade schedule includes both clothing and the fundamentals of food preparation. There are three groups of Eighth Grade girls and two of Seventh Grade. Many of them come after school voluntarily for additional instruction. The enthusiasm of this age group is a real inspiration. In May last year, the Junior High girls modeled the garments made in class with their mothers as guests.

In the Ninth Grade some of the objectives are these:

Understanding ourselves and others
Becoming good baby sitters (child care and safety)
Entertaining with food
Managing personal finances
Creating attractive rooms
Building appropriate and adequate wardrobes

Importance and need dictate the amount of time given to each of these units.

New texts have been made available for the Tenth Grade girls this year and the units include:

The house you live in
The clothes you wear
The food you eat
Home and family living

An intensive course in Home Nursing is taught by the school nurse, Mrs. Tirzah D. Juskalian and myself.

Special projects this last year included an exhibit in the Town Hall on Fair Day, and a luncheon in May, which was served to the Superintendent, the High School Principal, the Advisory Council, and the School Committee, by the Sophomore girls.

As always, I again wish to thank the school officials, other teachers, parents, and others who have cooperated in making the year both happy and beneficial for the girls.

Respectfully submitted,
FLORENCE JACKSON
Household Arts Instructor

Report of Supervisor of Music

Singing, dancing, playing, and participating in musical games makes music one of the most agreeable experiences in or out of school.

Music is a language. As in the reading of a language all early experiences with music are those gained through hearing. Familiarity with notes as symbols to be read and interpreted is acquired through many repetitions of the most commonly used melodic patterns. These tonal patterns, in varied meters and in several keys, are given emphasis in the early music-reading experiences of children in the first four years of school.

As stated in previous reports each year a detailed summarization of the accomplishments at a particular grade level are given. This year the summary deals with grade five.

A foundation in music notation was laid down in the first four grades through the singing of many note songs without the assistance of the teacher. Melodic and rhythmic vocabularies were established in the singing of these songs. In grade five the note songs review the problems of the previous grade and present the following new problems: 1) Two-part and three-part music; 2) Rhythm patterns found in 6/8 meter; 3) The new rhythm pattern, the dotted eighth note followed by the sixteenth note; 4) Singing note songs with words at sight. In grade five the children also learn to play the autoharp and Hi-Fi-Lophones and learn square dancing.

Grades one through six presented a spring music festival for the public in May. The two glee clubs have performed on several occasions during the year. The Junior High Club gave a forty minute program at Barre, Massachusetts, Cold Spring School and the Belchertown State School. The Senior High Club sang at the Western Massachusetts Music Festival receiving excellent comments from the adjudicator.

Carol Lequin was chosen to sing in the All-State Chorus at Worcester, Massachusetts. She worked with the All-State group three days.

The following seniors and juniors sang in the All-District Chorus at Athol High School December 10: Martha Jane Hackett, Christine Squires, Robert Henrichon, Jeff Hubler and Donald Sliwa.

In closing, I extend my sincere appreciation to Mr. Peterson, the School Committee, Mr. Harrington, Mrs. Bowler at the Junior High School, teachers and pupils who have contributed their efforts to make this a very successful year.

Respectfully submitted,
CLARA COOK
Music Supervisor

Report of School Nurse

I herewith submit my report for 1960. "New Frontiers" seems to be the theme this year. In keeping with this modern, fast-moving world, a broader concept of health becomes more challenging each year. During the fourteenth century a man of thirty was considered an old man. In 1829 Dr. Henry Rees of London wrote that two out of three children died before they reached the age of 10 years.

The definition of health in those days meant the absence of disease or infirmity, rather than the definition of today as we all know it to be "a state of physical, mental and social well being". As medicine moved ahead, mortality figures tumbled. Medical men turned from the occupation of only curing children from killer-diseases to prevention of these diseases. In the Textbook of Preventive Medicine there are listed five levels of prevention: (1) Health Promotion, (2) Specific Protection, (3) Early Recognition and Treatment, (4) Disability Limitations, and (5) Rehabilitation.

Today the world's best medical care available is in the United States. One of many recent examples of preventive medicine is the anti-polio vaccine. In 1955 in the United States there were 1,000 deaths from Infantile Paralysis. In 1959 this number was cut in half, and I am sure statistics will prove it to be much lower in the current year.

In spite of this forward stride, we cannot afford to be complacent and close our eyes to what is now emerging as a newly recognized menace in our present society—Mental and Emotional Illness. The symptoms are manifested in varying degrees in all age groups. Children copy their health attitudes from adults, especially from parents. Obviously, the handwriting on the wall was seen by persons who are specialists in this field. The National Association for Mental Health, Inc., was formed September 13, 1950 by merging three organizations having the same objectives. They were the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, National Mental Health Foundation, and the Psychiatric Foundation. By joining forces much duplication was avoided and greater efficiency increased. Through local and state committees the Organization carries on its work from its headquarters in New York. Belchertown has available the services of such an organization from the Mental Health Center in Holyoke, which also covers Chicopee and Northampton. Last fall a new Director, Dr. William F. Wagenbach, was appointed to this office. Among the newer services in this field is the facilities of Summer Day Camps for the mentally and emotionally disturbed child. One of the greatest obstacles to overcome is the family's fear of stigma. In future years no doubt this illness will be accepted and treated as a physical illness.

As a public health trained nurse specializing in school nursing, I encounter problems as varied as the number of students attending our schools. Because I am a mother as well as a nurse, I cannot look upon any pupil as just a "case" but very definitely as an individual, needing an approach suitable for him alone. The child's problem is very real and great even though it may appear to be very simple to an adult. An emotionally upset person cannot perform well. One must, however, distinguish between sensible understanding and sympathy versus smothering a child with affection. He will respect authority and positive guidance when it is exercised properly and is timely. In reference to this topic of "individual attention", it is not necessary to deviate from a good sound basic health program in the school system.

Most communities having Health Centers work together with other agencies providing, promoting, and coordinating services to the residents where such an Organization is establisheed. In Belchertown this responsibility, by necessity, seems to be a part of the school health service. By hard work I have endeavored to assume this responsibility without neglecting the specific duties required by the School Health Program. The following is a partial list of services required by law: every student must be measured; have his eyes tested via the Massachusetts Vision Test procedure; and, have his hearing tested via discrete frequency audiometric equipment. Also yearly physical examinations must be performed at selected grade levels, and for all new pupils; and all school personnel must comply with the Tuberculosis examination requirement. The testing program entails a great deal of work as records must be kept, and reports sent home and to State Officials.

The nurse in schoolwork, unlike other branches of nursing, must be prepared for frequent interruptions while performing her routine duties. At any moment she may be called to give first aid to the injured, attend the ones taken ill, and furnish transportation when parents are unable to do so. Individual and group discussions, inspections in the classroom, and conferences with parents are also conducted. Films or film strips are used in teaching feminine hygiene and good grooming. In conjunction with Household Arts, Home Nursing is taught to the girls in the sophomore class.

In February, 1960, there were many out of school, due to a virus infection resembling influenza. Fortunately, most cases were of a mild nature. Later in the month and through March, numerous cases of measles and chicken pox were reported. Whether due to the children in many instances returning too soon after being ill, or not, the incidences of additional absences were caused by their contracting complications. In the early part of April, a few cases of mumps were evident, but luckily no headway was made by this disease.

Immunization Clinics were conducted at Cold Spring School in conjunction with the Board of Health. In February a free Anti-Flu Clinic was made available to all school and town personnel, which helped to cut down on the employee absenteeism. Mantoux tests for the detection of tuberculosis, were conducted by Dr. Frederick Goodhue, Superintendent of the Hampshire County Sanatorium, assisted by Miss Vera Miller, Executive Secretary of the Hampshire County Public Health Association. All students, with parental consent, in the first, eighth and twelfth grades were inoculated. Anti-Polio and DPT Clinics were held on February 24, March 16, April 13, May 11 and June 8, 1960. The inoculations were administered by Dr. Kenneth Collard, assisted by Mrs. Rachel Collard, R. N., and Mrs. T. Juskalian, R. N. The clerical work was efficiently done by Mrs. Rose Dewey, Mrs. Carol Hubbard and Mrs. Ruby Martin, who took turns at the various Clinics. Salk vaccine injections were received by 579 persons, and DPT by 366 children.

The nurse alone cannot see every pupil every day and must rely upon the teacher who is constantly with them to report or do the "case finding". This phase of the teacher's job is too often not given enough recognition. They have done a splendid job by their keen observation and deep interest in calling my attention to problems every day. All principals have been very cooperative, and skilfully guided me in problems beyond my scope.

I wish to thank Dr. James Collard, School Physician, for many years of faithful service; all persons or organizations who have given freely of their time and material help to those needing it; and, for the cooperation of the school administration in helping in the direction in many matters. I cannot close without paying tribute to the custodians for their part in maintaining a clean, healthy environment.

I close with the wish and hope that the ensuing year will find our schools and our town in an even healthier state than in former years.

Respectfully submitted,
TIRZAH D. JUSKALIAN, R. N.
School Nurse

School Financial Report

CLASSIFICATION OF SCHOOL EXPENDITURES, 1960

GENERAL CONTROL		
School Committee		
Expenses	$92.50	
Superintendent of Schools		
Salary	7,800.04	
Expenses—including in and out-of-state travel, clerical help, postage, stationery, and telephone	4,943.98	
Law Enforcement	40.48	12,877.00
INSTRUCTION		
Teachers' Salaries	155,385.89	
Teachers' Expenses	4,494.86	
Instructional Supplies	8,898.42	168,779.17
OPERATION OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Janitor Service	13,215.94	
Operation of Expense: Supplies, Telephone, Electricity and Water	6,750.51	
Fuel	5,247.48	25,393.93
MAINTENANCE OF SCHOOL PLANT		
Repairs and Replacements	7,999.11	7,999.11
TRANSPORTATION	35,101.04	35,101.04
HEALTH		
Salaries and Expenses	5,070.80	5,070.80
MISCELLANEOUS	1,209.43	1,209.43
HOUSEHOLD ARTS		
Salaries and Expenses	6,188.55	6,188.55

CAPITAL OUTLAY	5,827.72	5,827.72
LIBRARY	608.73	608.73
Expenditures, 1960 Budget		$269,055.48
Special Available Funds:		
George D. Longley Music Fund	45.42	
High School Calvin Bridgman Fund	441.41	486.83
Total Cost of Schools		$269,542.31
Total Receipts, 1960		
Appropriation	$269,095.00	
Transfer 9 - 1 - 60 (Capital Outlay)	2,000.00	
Special Funds	486.83	271,581.83
Less: Total Cost to Schools		269,542.31
Balance returned to Town		$2,039.52
REIMBURSEMENTS: Paid to Town of Belchertown from sources other than local taxation:		
Department of Public Welfare (State Wards)	7,656.69	
School Aid (Chapter 643)	41,570.13	
High School Tuition Pupil	325.00	
Transportation	30,322.31	
Superintendent	3,333.33	
Vocational Education	2,898.80	86,106.26
RECAPITULATION		
Total cost of Schools	269,542.31	
State Reimbursement	86,106.26	
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown 1960	————	183,436.05
Actual Cost to Town of Belchertown, 1959		163,504.42

Vocational Education Financial Report

Vocational Education Appropriation		$13,160.00
Expenses:		
Transportation	$3,037.00	
Tuition	9,040.11	12,077.11
Balance Returned to Town		$1,082.89
STATE REIMBURSEMENTS:		
Transportation	1,259.90	
Tuition	3,340,40	4,600.30
Total Expenditures	$12,077.11	
Reimbursement from State	4,600.30	
Actual Cost to Town		$7,476.81

ENROLLMENT AS OF OCTOBER 1, 1960

SCHOOL	GRADES												TOTAL
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
Cold Spring Sch.	73	63	70	65	79	84							434
Franklin School	15	20	20	19									74
Center School							76	77					153
High School									68	60	56	57	241
	88	83	90	84	79	84	76	77	68	60	56	57	902

School Calendar

SEPTEMBER 7, 1960 to JUNE 23, 1961

1960

September 7—Wednesday—Schools open—beginning of school year
Regular sessions will be held this day

October 12—Wednesday—Schools closed—Columbus Day

October 21—Friday—Schools closed—Teachers' Convention Day

November 11—Friday—Schools closed—Veterans' Day

November 24—Thursday—Schools closed—Thanksgiving Vacation

November 25—Friday—Wednesday, November 23—Junior and Senior High schools close at 11:30 a. m.—Elementary schools close at 12 a. m.

November 28—Monday—Schools reopen

December 23—Friday—Schools close for Christmas Vacation
Regular sessions will be held this day

1961

January 3—Tuesday—Schools reopen

February 22—Wednesday—Schools closed—Washington's Birthday

February 24—Friday—Schools close for Midwinter Vacation
Regular sessions will be held this day

March 6—Monday—Schools reopen

March 31—Friday—Schools closed—Good Friday

April 19—Wednesday—Schools closed—Patriots' Day

April 28—Friday—Schools close for Spring Vacation
Regular sessions will be held this day

May 8—Monday—Schools reopen

May 30—Tuesday—Schools closed—Memorial Day

June 16—Friday—Elementary schools close for Summer Vacation

June 23—Friday—High School closes for Summer Vacation

Directory of Teachers

	Year Appointed
Carl J. Peterson—Superintendent of Schools South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1953
Mrs. Tirzah D. Juskalian, R. N.—School Nurse Green Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1954
Dr. James L. Collard—School Physician Maple Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1911
Mrs. Clara P. Cook—Music Supervisor Bernardston, Massachusetts	1948
Joseph Contino—Band Director 50 Farview Way, Amherst, Massachusetts	1956
W. L. Rinehart—Director Functional Hand Writing Waltham, Massachusetts	1950
HIGH SCHOOL	
Guy E. Harrington, Principal South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts	1943
Stanley F. Czech—Commercial Dept., Boys' Physical Education 97 South Street, Ware, Massachusetts	1957
Miss Barbara A. Ernest—Science, Mechanical Drawing Birch Hill Road, South Hadley, Massachusetts	1960
Miss Madeline M. Fitzgerald—Commercial Department Depot Street, Bondsville, Massachusetts	1958
Mrs. Jeanne A. Hofmann—English 666 Amherst Road, Granby, Massachusetts	1960
Mr. Ronald C. Hofmann—Mathematics, Social Studies 666 Amherst Road, Granby, Massachusetts	1960

Mrs. Florence N. Jackson—Household Arts 1946
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
James F. O'Leary—Social Studies, Basketball & Baseball Coach 1957
3 Fairfield Avenue, Holyoke, Massachusetts
Mrs. Marie T. Pepin—Science, French 1956
Boardman Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Sophia M. Pero—Latin, English 1941
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Jerome P. Shea—Science 1959
88 Westfield Road, Holyoke, Massachusetts
Mrs. Ada W. Tague—Social Studies, English 1946
West Street, Amherst, Massachusetts
Gerald G. Tremaine—Mathematics, Driver Training 1952
Maple Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

COLD SPRING SCHOOL

Donald E. Geer—Supervising Principal, Grades 1 - 6 1950
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Barbara H. Yanginski—Grade 1 1960
North Silver Lane, Sunderland, Massachusetts
Mrs. Mary St. Germain—Grade 1 - 3 1960
64 Federal Street, Springfield, Massachusetts
Mrs. Roslyn K. Goldberg—Grade 2 1960
77 East Pleasant Street, Amherst, Massachusetts
Miss Irene B. Orlando—Grade 2 1917
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Anita H. Wadhams—Grade 3 1958
Maple Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. June C. Moskal—Grade 3 1960
Pelham Road, Amherst, Massachusetts
Mrs. Ruth B. Dobson—Grade 4 1957
Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Emma D. Loftus—Grade 4 1948
Old Springfield Road, Belchertown, Massachusettts
Mrs. Madeleine R. Lambert—Grade 5 1924
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Olive F. Hodgen—Grade 5 1958
Sargent Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts
Mrs. Margaret T. Austin—Grade 6 1954
Lloyd Avenue, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Mrs. Mary M. Avery—Grade 6 1960
South Main Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

William N. Dickinson—Grades 5 and 6—Science, Mathematics, Boys' Physical Education, 1957
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

CENTER SCHOOL—7 and 8 DEPARTMENTALIZED

Donald E. Geer—Principal 1950
Federal Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Mrs. Bernadette S. Bowler—English, History 1942
Three Rivers Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Mrs. Barbara G. Field—Mathematics, English, Social Studies 1959
North Washington Street, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Richard M. McCabe—Mathematics, Science 1959
931 Worthington Street, Springfield, Massachusetts

Mrs. Helen D. Renouf—English, Social Studies 1957
Belchertown, Massachusetts

Paul J. Whitlock—Mathematics, Science 1960
462 Main Street, Wilbraham, Massachusetts

FRANKLIN SCHOOL

Miss Eleanor M. Fitzgerald—Principal, Grades 2 and 3 1931
Depot Street, Bondsville, Massachusetts

Mrs. Marilyn J. Hayward—Grades 1 and 2 1960
Mill Valley Road, Belchertown, Massachusetts

Mrs. Mildred M. Carter—Grades 3 and 4 1943
25 South Main Street, Bondsville, Massachusetts

CUSTODIANS

George Dewey—Head Custodian, Cold Spring School	1946
Carl Hagman—Cold Spring School	1954
William Kimball, Jr.—High School, Household Arts	1950
Albert Dudek—Franklin School	1950
David Dzuris—Part-time Assistant, Cafeteria, and Center School	1957
William Aldrich—Union School	1950

CAFETERIA

Phyllis Mullane—Supervisor	1954

Carol Hubbard—Bookkeeper	1957
Ann Fielder, Worker	1960
Della Gray, Worker	1956
Lois Lowe, Worker	1956
Florence Pierce, Worker	1959
Ruth Desmarais, Worker	1959
Clara Skinner, Worker	1955
Josephine Zobka, Worker	1957

89th Commencement

OF THE

BELCHERTOWN HIGH SCHOOL

June 9

1960

Lawrence Memorial Hall

8:00 P. M.

GRADUATES

Marilyn F. Austin
Dexter Vernon Beals
Barbara Jean Boyko
John Edward Burke
Marilyn Carol Codraro
Dona Marie Copithorne
Robert Norman Demers
Peter Demetropoulos
George Lyman Dickinson
Daisy C. Dodge
Albert John Dudek
Marilyn Elizabeth Dupuis
Eloise Barbara Eaton
Carol Suzanne Field
Georgette Leona Forest
Michael Peter Forgue
Fred Louis Galanski
Sondra Ethelyn Grout
Jacqueline Lucille Hebert
Pierre Arthur Hebert
Carol Gloria Keller
Dorothy Ann Kozlik

Walter Abraham Kumpulainen
Ronald John Landers
Carol Ann Lequin
James Ernest Lumley
Martha Catherine Mathras
Jeanne Rhoda McCullough
Avis Sandra Michalak
Daniel Clement Miron
Sheila Mary Mullane
Elizabeth Ann Papp
Judith Ann Reed
Marlene Gail Ritter
Lura Edith Smith
Marie Barbara Smith
Patricia Delia Sobzak
Barbara Ann Stefanowich
Joanne Marie Syriac
Elizabeth E. Theriault
Donna Jean Thomas
William Francis Wegiel

Walter Leo Joyal

PROGRAM

Processional		Joyce Juskalian Accompanist
Invocation		Rev. Paul Varga
Song:	"I Will Extol Thee" (Solo part by Carol Lequin)	*J. C. Wohlfeil*
Salutatory		Barbara Stefanowich
Song:	"The Spacious Firmament on High"	*J. Addison*
Valedictory		Dona Copithorne
Introduction of speaker of the evening		Carl J. Peterson Superintendent
Address		Rev. Bernard L. Doheny Assistant Rector at the Cathedral, Springfield
Police Association Award		James Baker
Lions Club Scholarship		Belding F. Jackson
P. T. A. Scholarship		James Joyal
Arnold C. Martinelli, Jr., Memorial Scholarships		Mrs. Francis P. Loftus
Holland Family Award in memory of Elizabeth H. and Nelson C. Holland		
Presentation of Class to School Committee		Guy E. Harrington Principal of High School
Awarding of Diplomas		Harold W. Willey Chairman School Committee
Songs:	"Standing Here Together"	Judith Reed Jeanne McCullough Michael Forgue
	"My God and I"	*F. B. Sergei*
Benediction		Rev. Paul Varga
Recessional		

Songs directed by Mrs. Clara P. Cook
Accompanist, Joyce Juskalian

Report of Sewer Commissioners

To the Citizens of the Town of Belchertown,

We respectfully submit the following report pertaining to the Sewer Department.

Four new connections were added to the sewage collection system in the year 1960.

Two manhole covers were located and raised on Everett Avenue.

There were numerous trouble calls involving house stoppages and main line services. All were promptly attended.

Necessary repair work to the two meters at the meter house was accomplished.

The sewer and water departments met jointly each third Tuesday of every month during the year 1960.

MILTON C. BAGGS
D. DONALD HAZEN
HELEN L. PAPP

Board of Sewer Commissioners

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

The Cemetery Commissioners held their meeting shortly after assuming office with Harvey A. Lincourt designated as chairman.

It was decided to arrange for the mowing of the cemeteries by advertising for bids and awarding contracts to the lowest bidders. Mr. David Hodgen and Mr. David Dzuris were awarded the contracts, and as a result the cemeteries were well kept—each being mowed regularly—we found that a dollar went much further when mowing was done by contract.

In addition to the regular upkeep, the following work was accomplished during the year:

At Hillcrest Cemetery, new fence posts were installed and the fence repaired.

At Evergreen Cemetery (off Munsell Road) more than fifteen truck-loads of brush were cleared and hauled away—the truck used for this work was donated—Mr. Lincourt lent his truck, free of charge, for this purpose. Where stumps had been removed, holes were filled and reseeded.

At Rural Cemetery another five truck-loads of brush were cleared away. Grading and seeding of sunken graves has been started in these outlying cemeteries.

The entire ornamental fence and gates at Mt. Hope Cemetery were painted with aluminum-bronze.

A section of wire fencing (bordering the Cook property) was badly deteriorated and had to be removed. A thick growth of poison ivy along this fence line was removed at the same time.

There is still much work to be done along these lines. We hope to be able to continue the work of filling and grading where necessary.

The new section of Mt. Hope still needs a lot of attention. A new section of fencing (which had been purchased about four years ago) has not been erected due to lack of funds.

Th vault is badly in need of repair, particularly the roof. This is a must!

An attempt has been made to draw up a map showing existing lot locations—locating lots has been a problem, due to the lack of markers, and there is no map for some sections—this project had to be abandoned, due to lack of funds.

In anticipation of the many visitors in this our bi-centennial year, we would like to complete this work in the spring, so that we all may be proud of our cemeteries. In order to do this we have had to request an increase in our budget allotment—over and above the increase requested for general maintenance.

Finally, we would like to request the cooperation of parents in aiding us in keeping the children from playing in the cemeteries. In the past, several stones have been tipped over, etc., and it goes without saying that these stones are heavy and could cause serious injury to a child.

Hoping to continue to be of service, we remain,

HARVEY A. LINCOURT
LINCOLN A. COOK
ELWYN H. BOCK
Cemetery Commissioners

Report of the Belchertown Bicentennial Committee

The Bicentennial Committee, appointed after the last annual town meeting, has done much to make certain that the 200th anniversary celebration of the town will be interesting, educational and entertaining. Working with the central committee, which was named by the selectmen, are sub-committees in charge of the different activities of the bicentennial, such as the pageant, the ball, and the parade. The program for the weekend still remains tentative, because, encouragingly, more and more town organizations are continually expressing their desire to participate.

At a dinner meeting held on July 14th, the members of the central committee, the honorary members, and the sub-committee heads met with representatives from all town organizations. The purpose of the meeting was to hear the suggestions of the town in respect to the activities of the bicentennial, and to learn of any projects planned by these organizations for the celebration. The opinions voiced by those in attendance have been of great assistance.

At a special town meeting, the town generously voted to add $5,000.00 to the bicentennial budget; this is to be added to the $500.00 voted at the 1960 annual town meeting.

During 1960 many surrounding towns celebrated bicentennials and tercentenaries. Floats, fire equipment and the town police cruiser were sent to Monson, Easthampton and the Brookfields. Towns in the area are now being invited to send units to our parade.

The townspeople have been most co-operative. Merchants have willingly helped to advertise our celebration by using the bicentennial envelopes for business purposes. They have also volunteered to dress their store windows with items of historical interest. Word has been received that many clubs are actively planning their bicentennial projects.

It is sincerely hoped that as plans for the celebration increase and grow concrete, so will the enthusiasm of the people of the town.

Respectfully submitted,

CLIFTON WITT
FRED LINCOLN
HAROLD PECK
BERNADETTE BOWLER
MARGOT BOYLE

Statistical Report of Town Clerk

State Audit

To the Board of Selectmen
Mr. Charles F. Austin, Chairman
Belchertown, Massachusetts
Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Belchertown for the period from September 10, 1958 to March 31, 1960, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. William Schwartz, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,
HERMAN B. DINE
Director of Accounts

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston
Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Belchertown for the period from September 10, 1958, the date of the previous examination to March 31, 1960, and report thereon as follows:

The financial transactions, as recorded on the books of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked, and verified by comparison with the records in the offices of the town accountant and the town treasurer.

The books and accounts in the town accountant's office were examined and checked. The recorded receipts were compared with the treasurer's books and with the records in the several departments collecting money for the town, while the payments were checked with the treasurer's books and with the treasury warrants. The appropriations and transfers were checked with the town clerk's records of financial votes passed by the town meetings and with the finance committee's authorizations of transfers from the reserve fund.

The general and appropriations ledger accounts were analyzed, the necessary adjustments resulting from the audit were made, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on March 31, 1960, was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The cash book was analyzed and the recorded receipts were compared with the town accountant's books, with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer, and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury. The payments were compared with the warrants approved by the selectmen and with the town accountant's records.

The treasurer's cash balance on March 31, 1960 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office, by reconciliation of the bank balance with statements furnished by the banks of deposit, and by examination of the savings bank books.

The payments on account of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities on file. The outstanding coupons on March 31, 1960 were listed and reconciled with the balance in the bond and coupon account as shown by a statement received from the bank of deposit.

The records of payroll deductions for Federal and State taxes, the county retirement system, and group insurance premiums were examined. The deductions were footed, the payments to the proper agencies were verified, and the balances in the general treasury were reconciled with the controlling ledger accounts.

The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the trust and investment funds in the custody of the treasurer were examined and listed, the bequests, income, and withdrawals being verified.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked. The amounts transferred to the tax title account were checked with the collector's books, the reported redemptions and sales were compared with the treasurer's recorded receipts, and the tax possessions on hand were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger accounts.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The taxes, excise and assessments outstanding at the time of the previous audit, as well as all subsequent commitments, were audited and proved. The recorded collections were checked with the payments to the treasurer, as shown by the treasurer's and the accountant's books, the abatements, as entered, were compared with the assessors' records of abatements granted; the transfers to the tax title account were proved; and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective controls in the town accountant's ledger. The cash on hand March 31, 1960 was proved by actual count.

Further verification of the outstanding taxes, excise, and assessments, was made by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked in detail. The collections on account of dog and sporting licenses issued. and from marriage intentions, recording fees, copies of records and miscellaneous charges, were verified and compared with the payments to the town treasurer. The cash book was footed, and the cash balance on March 31, 1960 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office.

The appropriations as voted by the town meetings, were listed from the records of the town clerk and were compared with the aggregate amounts raised by the assessors in the determination of the tax rate for 1959.

The surety bonds of the several town officials required by law to furnish them were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of accounts receivable of the public welfares and veterans' services departments were audited. The departmental charges were listed and compared with the amounts reported to the town accountant. The payments to the treasurer were verified, and the outstanding accounts were listed and proved.

The records of departmental cash collections by the board of selectmen, the sealer of weights and measures, and the building and wire inspectors, as well as by the police, health, sewer, highway, and school departments, and by all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked. The payments to the town treasurer were verified, and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.

The books and accounts of the Belchertown-Granby Welfare District were examined and checked in conjunction with the audit of the town treasurer's accounts. The recorded receipts were analyzed and checked, and the payments were compared with the warrants authorizing the disbursement of district funds. The cash balance on March 31, 1960 was proved by reconciliation of the bank balance with a statement furnished by the depository.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing reconciliations of the several cash accounts, summaries of the tax, excise, and departmental accounts, as well as schedules showing the transactions and condition of the trust and investment funds.

On behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation for the cooperation received from all town officials while engaged in making the audit.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM A. SCHWARTZ
Assistant Director of Accounts

Town of Belchertown

Balance Sheet - March 31, 1960

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets

Cash:		
General,		$80,793.92
Accounts receivable:		
Taxes,		
Levy of 1958:		
Poll,	2.00	
Real Estate	1,693.70	1,695.70
Levy of 1959:		
Poll:	8.00	
Personal property,	1,133.79	
Real Estate,	13,197.57	14,339.36
Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise:		
Levy of 1958,	14.31	
Levy of 1959,	2,981.93	
Levy of 1960,	2,942.74	5,938.98
Farm Animal Excise:		
Levy of 1959,	26.88	
Levy of 1960,	729.73	756.61
Special Assessments:		
Sewers:		
Unapportioned,	1,635.30	
Rental - 1958,	45.00	
Rental - 1959,	45.00	
Rental - 1960,	4,655.00	
Miscellaneous,	8.00	6,388.30
Tax Possessions,		495.94
Departmental:		
Disability Assistance,	18.09	
Aid to Dependent Children,	227.91	
Old Age Assistance,	1,895.71	
Veterans Services,	411.92	2,553.63
Aid to Highways:		
State,	16,000.00	
County,	6,000.00	22,000.00

Liabilities & Reserves

Payroll deductions:		
Federal Taxes,	$2,460.25	
State Taxes,	464.73	
County Retirement System	234.39	
Group Hospitalization Insurance	302.55	
Group Life Insurance	65.28	$3,527.20
Agency:		
County - Dog Licenses,	3.50	
Workman's Compensation Insurance Fund,	221.55	
Purchase of Real Estate Reserve,	100.00	325.05
Tailings:		109.55
Trust Fund Income:		
Susan M. D. Bridgman Charity,	1,150.22	
Cemetery Perpetual Care,	45.51	1,195.73
Federal Grants:		
Disability Assistance Administration	73.64	
Aid to Dependent Children Administration	9.01	
Aid	110.10	
Old Age Assistance Administration,	372.27	
Assistance	3,343.76	
School:		
Public Law 874-Education,	1,932.96	
Public Law 864- National Defense Education,	38.18	5,879.92
Revolving Funds:		
School Lunch,	3,359.93	
School Athletics,	808.34	4,168.27
Appropriation Balances,		419,365.86
Overestimates 1959:		
State Recreation Areas, Assessment,	171.92	
County Tax,	2,443.98	2.615.90

Revenue 1960:			Sale of Real Estate Fund,		813.68
Appropriations voted,	539,814.36		Sale of Cemetery Lots Fund,		385.00
Deduct:					
Estimated receipts collected,	-19,729.21		Road Machinery Fund,		6,987.54
Available funds voted,	-61,877.95	458,207.20	Reserve Fund - Overlay Surplus,		2,195.69
Due from County Dog Officer -		156.00	Overlays Reserved for Abatements:		
Due from War Memorial Fund,		5,504.32	Levy of 1958,	1,695.70	
			Levy of 1959,	8,160.23	9,855.93
			Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
			Motor Vehicle & Trailer Excise,	5,938.98	
			Farm Animal Excise,	756.61	
			Special Assessment,	6,388.30	
			Tax Possession,	495.94	
			Departmental,	2,553.63	
			Aid to Highways,	22,000.00	38,133.46
			Surplus Revenue,		103,271.18
		$598,829.96			$598,829.96

DEBT ACCOUNTS

NET Funded or Fixed Debt:		Serial Loans:		
Inside Debt Limit:		Inside Debt Limit:		
General,	138,000.00	General:		
		Sewer Loan 1949,	25,000.00	
Outside Debt Limit:		Sewer Loan 1952,	1,000.00	
General,	143,000.00	School Building Loan 1952,	112,000.00	138,000.00
		Outside Debt Limit:		
		General:		
		School Building Loan 1952,	143,000.00	143,000.00
	$281,000.00			$281,000.00

TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Trust and Investment Funds:		Susan M.D.Bridgman Charity Fund	3,500.00
Cash and Securities,	68,051.77	Whiting Street Worthy Poor Fund	10,052.21
		George D. Longley School Music Fund	2,540.97
		Calvin Bridgman High School Fund	8,866.04
		Calvin Bridgman Library Fund	4,074.25
		Susan M.D.Bridgman Cemetery Fund	541.71
		Nellie Brown Mt. Hope Cemetery Fund	1,057.31
		Willard A. Stebbins Cemetery Fund	1,495.19
		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	30,278.68
		Post War Rehabilitation Fund	105.09
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Sewer Loan 1952,	1,000.00	
School Building Loan 1952,	112,000.00	
		138,000.00
Outside Debt Limit:		
General:		
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STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 13, 1960

DEMOCRAT

OFFICE	NAME	PRECINCT A	PRECINCT B	BLANKS	TOTAL
Senator in Congress	Foster Furcolo	28	13		
	Edmund C. Buckley	8	2		
	Thomas J. O'Connor, Jr.	62	21	6	140
Governor	Joseph D. Ward	35	15		
	Francis E. Kelly	19	10		
	John F. Kennedy	15	5		
	Alfred Magaletta	1	1		
	Robert F. Murphy	13	0		
	Endicott Peabody	17	5		
	Gabriel F. Piemonte	0	0	4	140
Lt. Governor	Edward T. McLaughlin, Jr.	79	31		
	Pasquale Caggiano	12	5	13	140
Secretary	Kevin H. White	40	18		
	Francis X. Ahearn	33	13		
	Margaret T. McGovern	22	5	9	140
Attorney General	Edward J. McCormack, Jr.	90	33	17	140
Treasurer	John T. Driscoll	37	14		
	George F. Hurley	11	5		
	John B. Kennedy	17	9		
	John M. Kennedy	8	0		
	Patrick F. Mc Donough	8	5		
	Robert J. Sullivan	11	3	12	140
Auditor	Thomas J. Buckley	81	34		
	John F. Hynes	13	2	10	140
Congressman	William H. Burns	61	24		
	Gilbert C. Hancock	18	9		
	William K. Hefner	18	4	6	140
Councillor	Michael J. Favulli	27	10		
	Michael J. Carrigan	20	10		
	Richard T. Courtney	18	8		
	John V. Grady	13	3		
	Everett D. King	12	4	15	140
Senator	Paul H. Benoit	94	34	12	140
Rep. General Court	James R. Nolen	93	36	11	140
Register of Probate & Insolvency	Frank E. Tuit,11	90	33	17	140
County commissioners	Edwin M. Podolak	49	18		
	Edward J. Kelly	76	31	106	280

Democratic votes cast at Precinct A -102
" " " " " B - 38
140

State Committee	Man			
Harper L. Gerry		1		
Arthur B. Proulx		14		
Peter J. Sullivan		22		
Blanks			26	
Total				63
State Committee	Woman			
Marion C. Wysocki		28		
Blanks			17	
Total				45
Presidential preference				
Adali Stevenson		1		
John F. Kennedy		20		
Blanks			24	
Total				45
Town Committee				
Helen Renouf		30		
John T. Flaherty		28		
Henry Renouf		27		
Morris D. Blaine		26		
Francis E. Goodrow		28		
Michael S. Mathras		28		
Harold W. Willey		32		
J. Bernard Bowler		29		
James B. Baker		27		
Elliott S. Cordner		30		
Romeo J. Joyal		29		
Maude LaCross		28		
Wilfred E. Lemire		27		
Harvey A. Lincourt		26		
Marguerite Lincourt		26		
John C. Carr		26		
Raymond T. Beaudoin		34		
Arthur J. Moriarty		25		
Albert F. Lebida		24		
Harold E. Mellin, Jr.		25		
Francis P. Loftus		31		
Max J. Sliwa		25		
Frank P. Loftus		28		
Blanks			398	
Total				1037

REPUBLICAN PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY April 26, 1960

	Votes	Blank	Total
National delegates at large			
Leverett Saltonstall	66		
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.	67		
Joseph W. Martin, Jr.	59		
Thomas A. Pappas	58		
Ralph H. Bonnell	58		
Mary R. Wheeler	59		
Damiel E. McLean	58		
Fred Lamson	58		
Frank S. Giles	58		
Robert F. Bradford	61		
Blanks		108	
Total			710
National alternate delegates at large			
Lloyd B. Waring	56		
John A. Volpe	54		
Georgia E. Ireland	54		
George D. Hammond	57		
Bruce Crane	57		
Irene K. Thresher	54		
Richard M Treadway	55		
Augustus G. Means	53		
Andrew A. Hunter	54		
George L. Sargent	54		
Blanks		162	
Total			710
National district delegates			
Silvio O. Conte	58		
Frank Learoyd Boyden	57		
Blanks		27	
Total			142
National alternate district delegates			
Charles A. Bisbee, Jr.	59		
Gloria M. Lambson	57		
Blanks		26	
Total			142
State committee Man			
Homer Dufault	56		
Blanks		15	
Total			71
State committee Woman			
Gertrude G. Woodard	55		
Blanks		16	
Total			71
Presidential preference			
Richard Nixon	45		
Nelson Rockfeller	3		
John L. Kennedy	2		
Isaac Hodgen	1		
Blanks		20	
Total			71

Town Committee

Gould Ketchen	59		
Stanford J. Harrimgton	58		
Mae F. Wheeler	60		
Amy S. Allen	56		
Ann C. Austin	60		
Milton C. Baggs	56		
Doris Mae Dickinson	58		
Isaac A. Hodgen	59		
Byron A. Hudson	53		
Belding F. Jackson	60		
Blake S. Jackson	59		
Aubrey D. Lapolice	57		
John V. Nelson	54		
Grace A. Purrington	58		
Helen M. Rhodes	58		
David A. Staples	58		
Fred K. Thayer	57		
Ruthella M. Tucker	55		
Fitzhugh L. Turner, Jr.	55		
William E. Aldrich	54		
James L. Collard	57		
Herbert E. Squires	59		
Alice Whittaker	56		
Walter Tolpa, Jr.	61		
Raymond C. Gay	56		
William Gerry Whitlock	53		
Jacquelyn C. Merrell	54		
Louis E. Fuller	62		
Alma S. Lindquist	56		
Fanny G. Morey	58		
Lloyd C. Chadbourne, Jr.	59		
Priscilla H. Ketchen	58		
James F. Hayward	54		
Edison E. Bresett	54		
Blanks		549	
Total			2490

DEMOCRATIC PARTY

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY April 26, 1960

National delegates at large	Votes	Blanks	Total
Foster Furcolo	34		
John W. McCormack	35		
John M. Lynch	33		
Robert F. Murphy	31		
Joseph D. Ward	32		
Edward J. McCormack, Jr.	32		
Thomas J. Buckley	35		
John F. Collins	33		
Joseph William Belanger	31		
John E. Powers	32		
John F. Thompson	33		
Endicott Peabody	29		
Robert Francis Kennedy	36		
Howard W. Fitzpatrick	31		
Garrett H. Byrne	32		
Balcom S. Taylor	30		
Mary L. Fonseca	31		
John L. Saltonstall, Jr.	33		
Betty Taymor	30		
Stephen T. Chmura	36		
Bernard Solomon	32		
Kenneth J. Kelley	34		
A. Frank Foster	32		
Thomas J. O'Connor, Jr.	35		
Blanks		298	
Total			1080
National alternate delegates at large			
William F. Donoghue	32		
Charles N. Collatos	31		
Mary Depasquale Murray	29		
Peter J. Rzeznikiewicz	32		
Edward King	32		
Joseph A. DeGuglielmo	30		
Cornelius W. Phillips, Jr.	30		
Anthony M. Scibelli	32		
Richard Maguire	28		
Paul W. Glennon	30		
Dan H. Fenn, Jr.	29		
Thomas J. Noonan	29		
Blanks		176	
Total			540
National district delegates			
Maurice A. Donahue	38		
John J. Dwyer	28		
John S. Begley	33		
James M. Burns	27		
Blanks		54	
Total			180
National alternate district delegates			
Robert P. Cramer	29		
Anna Sullivan	34		
Blanks		27	
Total			90

STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 13, 1960

REPUBLICAN

		Precinct A	Precinct B	Blanks	Total
Senator in Congress	Leverett Saltonstall	135	10	11	156
Governor	John A. Volpe	142	9	5	156
Lt. Governor	Augustus G. Means	140	8	8	156
Secretary	Edward W. Brooks	140	7	9	156
Attorney General	George Michaels	139	9	8	156
Treasurer	Walter J. Trybulski	112	7		
	Francis Andrew Walsh	28	3	6	156
Auditor	Gardner B. Wardwell	136	8	12	156
Congressman	Silvio O. Conte	139	9	8	156
Councillor	Quintin J. Cristy	136	7	13	156
Senator	John J. Libera	133	9	14	156
Rep. General Court	Charles J. Buss	59	1		
	Gertrude T. Hamelin	8	3		
	Eunice L. Mannheim	76	6	3	156
Register of Probate & Insolvency	NONE				
County Commissioner	Raymond A. Lyman	127	7	22	156
County Treasurer	Howard A. Banner	138	10	8	156

REPUBLICAN VOTES CAST AT PRECINCT A - 144
" " " " B - 12
156

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Total vote 9/13/60

	Precinct A	Precinct B	Totals
Rep.	144	12	156
Dem.	102	38	140
	246	50	296

Registered Voters Sept. 13, 1960

	Precinct A	Precicnt B	Totals
Rep.	454	36	490
Dem.	166	86	252
Blank	925	181	1106
	1545	303	1848

STATE ELECTION OF NOVEMBER 8, 1960

Electors of President and Vice President — Vote for One	Pre. A	Pre. B	Total
Decker and Munn, Prohibition	0	0	0
Hass and Cozzini, Soc Labor	1	0	1
Kennedy & Johnson Dem.	611	204	815
Nixon and Lodge, Republican	818	67	885
Senator in Congress — Vote for One			
Leverett Saltonstall, Republican	929	126	1055
Thomas J. O'Connor, Jr., Dem.	487	145	632
Lawrence Gilfedder, Soc Labor	1	3	4
Mark R Shaw Prohibition	2	0	2
Governor — Vote for One			
John A Volpe, Rep	965	125	1090
Joseph D Ward, Dem	448	139	587
Henning A. Blomen, Soc. Labor	1	1	2
Guy S. Williams, Prohibition	4	1	5
Lieutenant Governor — Vote for One			
Edward F. McLaughlin, Jr., Dem.	551	183	734
Augustus G. Means, Rep.	829	72	901
Thomas Maratea, Prohibition	11	6	17
Francis A. Votano, Soc. Labor	4	0	4
Secretary — Vote for One			
Edward W. Brooke, Rep.	849	74	923
Kevin H. White, Dem.	523	178	701
Fred M. Ingersoll, Soc. Labor	6	4	10
Julia B. Kohler, Prohibition	5	2	7
Attorney General — Vote for One			
Edward J. McCormack, Jr., Dem.	657	186	843
George Michaels, Rep.	731	74	805
August O. Johnson, Soc. Labor	2	2	4
William D. Ross, Prohibition	2	1	3
Treasurer — Vote for One			
John Thomas Driscoll, Dem.	524	151	675
Walter J. Trybulski, Rep.	861	116	977
Warren C. Carberg, Prohibition	5	2	7
Domenico A. Digirolamo, Soc. Lab.	2	0	2

Auditor	Vote for One			
Thomas J Buckley, Dem		715	200	915
Gardner B Wardwell, Rep		661	59	720
John B Lauder, Prohibition		2	1	3
Arne A Sortell, Soc Labor		2	0	2
Congressman	Vote for One			
Silvio O Conte, Rep		925	78	1003
William H Burns, Dem		466	179	645
Arthur J Green, Prohibition		5	5	10
Councillor	Vote for One			
Michael J Favulli, Dem		529	170	699
Quintin J Cristy, Rep		843	87	930
Senator	Vote for One			
Paul H Benoit, Dem		632	168	800
John J Libera, Rep		757	98	855
Representative in General Court	Vote for One			
James R Nolen, Dem		614	206	820
Eunice L Mannheim, Rep		800	62	862
Register of Probate and Insolvency	Vote for One			
Frank E Tuit, II, Dem		1088	221	1309
County Commissioners	Vote for Two			
Raymond A Lyman, Rep		820	75	895
Edwin M Podolak, Dem		557	185	742
Edward J. Kelly, Dem.		614	137	751
County Treasurer	Vote for One			
Howard A Banner, Rep		1172	181	1353

Question No. 1

Precinct A	Yes	No	Precinct B	Yes	No
"A"	883	358	"A"	192	36
"B"	854	329	"B"	182	37
"C"	925	297	"C"	183	34

"A" Totals	Yes 1075	No 394
"B" Totals	Yes 1036	No 366
"C" Totals	Yes 1108	No 331

Total registered voters, Nov. 8, 1960 1,851
Precinct A—1,556 B—295 1,851

Voted State Election of Nov. 8, 1960
Precinct A—1,442 B—277 1,719

Voter registrations as recorded by Political designation

Precinct A	Women	Men		Precinct B	Women	Men	
Rep.	212	233	445	Rep.	15	18	33
Dem.	72	83	155	Dem.	40	41	81
Ind.	502	454	956	Ind.	89	92	181
	786	770	1556		144	151	295

Totals A and B Women 930 Men 921 Grand Total 1851

Town Warrant

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING
MARCH 6 AND 13, 1961

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS
HAMPSHIRE, SS.

To any of the Constables of the Town of Belchertown, in said County, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of the Town of Belchertown, qualified to vote in elections of town officers, to meet at the several polling places in said Belchertown, designated by the Selectmen, to wit:

IN PRECINCT A, at Lawrence Memorial Hall in Jabish Street.

IN PRECINCT B, at the Franklin School Building in Franklin Street, South Belchertown, on Monday, the sixth day of March, A. D. 1961, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to give in their votes on one ballot to precinct officers of the several polling precincts of said Town for the following officers, to wit: a Moderator, a Town Clerk, a Tree Warden, and five Constables, each for one year; a Treasurer, a Selectman, a School Committee Member, an Assessor, a Cemetery Commissioner, and a Board of Health Member, each for three years; one Sewer Commissioner for two years and one for three years; one Planning Board Member for five years.

The polls will be open at nine o'clock in the forenoon and closed at seven o'clock in the evening.

And you are further hereby required to notify and warn all the inhabitants of said Belchertown qualified to vote in town affairs to meet at the Lawrence Memorial Hall in said Belchertown on Monday, the thirteenth day of March, A. D. 1961, at seven-thirty o'clock in the evening, then and there to act on the following articles, viz:

Art. 1. To choose the following named officers by nomination: two Almoners of the Whiting Street and the Mrs. Susan M. D. Bridgman Funds, each for one year; one trustee of the Calvin Bridgman Fund for three years.

Art. 2. To hear reports of the officers of the town and of any committee that may have been appointed by the town and act thereon.

Art. 3. To see if the town will vote to give to Clapp Memorial Library the balance of the dog license fund after damages are paid, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 4. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 81 Highways, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Construction, Program of 1961, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 7. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Assessors, the Cemetery Commissioners, the Sewer Commissioners, and the Tree Warden to appoint themselves to work in their various departments for the ensuing year, not to exceed the following hourly rates:

Assessors	$2.00 per hour
Cemetery Commissioners	1.50 per hour
Sewer Commissioners	1.75 per hour
Tree Warden	1.75 per hour

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of revenue of the municipal year beginning January 1, 1961, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 9. To see if the town will adopt the following By-Law: No building shall be erected, externally altered or changed in use, in the Town of Belchertown without a permit from the Selectmen.

Art. 10. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for improvements of the following streets, all public ways:

Hamilton Street
Shea Avenue
Boardman Road
Cold Spring Road
South Street
South Washington Street
Gold Street
Hannum Road
Warren Wright Road

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the improvement of sidewalks on the following street, a public way:

Federal Street

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 12. To see if the town will authorize and instruct the Board of Health to:

1. Establish, maintain, and administer the office of a visiting nurse.
2. Hire a nurse.
3. Appoint an advisory committee of two registered graduate nurses to advise the Board of Health on the functions of this office.
4. To raise and appropriate the sum of $5,000.00 to establish and maintain this office.

or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 13. To see if the town will vote to create a special unpaid committee to be known as a regional school district planning committee, to consist of three members, including one member of the school committee, to be appointed by the moderator in accordance with the provisions of Section 14 of Chapter 71 of the General Laws, as amended, for the purpose of performing the duties set forth in Section 14A and 14B of said Chapter 71, but only with respect to a regional vocational school district.

Art. 14. To see if the town will vote to authorize the school committee to sell discarded obsolete furniture, now in storage, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for land damages on Route 21 taken by the town in 1959, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 16. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the printing and publishing of the 1960 assessed valuations, to include real and personal property assessments; so that each taxpayer may receive a copy, such distribution to be under the guidance of the Board of Assessors, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to transfer from the Insurance Reserve Account the sum of $733.18 to the Insurance Account, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to establish a stabilization fund as authorized under Section 5B of Chapter 40, as amended by Chapter 404, Acts of 1957, of the General Laws of Massachusetts, or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to provide for lighting on the following streets:
Federal Street—21—3500 Lumen Lamps at an annual cost of $678.
South Liberty Street—
or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate such sums of money as shall be deemed necessary to defray the expenses listed in the Finance Committee report for the current fiscal year, and act thereon.

Art. 21. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one at Dwight, one on Metacomet Street, one on Turkey Hill Road, one on South Street, one on Depot Street and one at Lawrence Memorial Hall, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk at or before the time of holding said meeting.

Given under our hands this 13th day of February, A. D. 1961

CHARLES F. AUSTIN
RAYMOND C. GAY
WALTER TOLPA, JR.
Selectmen of Belchertown

Report of Finance Committee

FOR 1960

and

RECOMMENDATIONS FOR 1961

Citizens of Belchertown:

While the statute (Chapter 39, Section 16) providing for a Finance Committee states that it shall "consider any and all municipal questions for the purpose of making reports and recommendations," and while such committee has certain statutory powers and may by the by-law have additional powers, it is nevertheless evident that as a matter of general practice and from the standpoint of the voters and the administrative bodies, the more important duties of such a committee are:

1. Preparation of the recommended Budget for the Annual Meeting, and, of course, recommendation as to any other financial matters arising then or at special meetings.
2. Long range fiscal planning.

Your Finance Committee met many times during 1960 and 1961 to consider problems and requests from many departments. During the year, the following transfers were made from the Reserve Fund:

RESERVE FUND, DECEMBER 31, 1960

Appropriation			$6,000.00
Transfers:			
Apr. 7	Selectmen, Expense	$240.00	
May 18	Town Accountant, Expense	40.00	

July 5	Law Account	500.00	
July 5	Highways—Chapter 90 C 1960	.03	
July 29	Lawrence Memorial Hall	300.00	
Aug. 29	Disability Assistance	500.00	
Sept. 21	School Dept., Capital Outlay	2,000.00	
Oct. 12	Town Dump	7.80	
Oct. 8	Cemetery Fund	100.00	
Oct. 15	Police Dept.	850.00	
Oct. 19	Town Dump	160.00	
Oct. 24	Berm on East Side of Park St.	200.00	
Nov. 25	Highways—Sidewalks	100.00	
Nov. 30	Highways—Cold Spring Road	.59	
Dec. 22	Board of Health Expense	250.00	
Dec. 28	Town Dump	20.00	
Dec. 28	Snow Removal	680.00	
Dec. 30	Assessors' Expense	20.13	5,968.55
	Balance on hand Dec. 31, 1960		$31.45

The committee organized shortly after the annual town meeting with Joseph Flanagan as chairman. Mr. Flanagan chose to resign last fall when he was appointed to the School Building Committee. His services were greatly appreciated. Mr. Sidney Wheeler was appointed by the committee to replace him. David Staples chose to resign early in 1961 and his vacancy was not filled. Your Finance Committee has met with department heads during their budget hearings and feel that the following recommendations best serve the town and those appointed or elected to manage the various departments of the town.

RECOMMENDATIONS AND COMMENTS, 1961 WARRANT

Art. 1. Appointments of Almoners and Trustee, Special Funds.
No recommendation.

Art. 2. Reports of Officers and Committees.
No recommendation.

Art. 3. Dog License Fund to Library.
Recommended.

Art. 4. Chapter 81 Highway Maintenance.
Recommended that $7,000.00 be raised and appropriated and and $28,325.00 be transfrred from Available Funds.

Art. 5. Chapter 90 Highway Construction.

Recommended that $6,000.00 be raised and appropriated and and $18,000.00 be transferred from Available Funds.

Art. 6. Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance.

Recommended that $1,000.00 be raised and appropriated and $5,000.00 be transferred from Available Funds.

Art. 7. Wage Rates, Assessors, Trees, Sewer and Cemetery Department.

Recommended.

Art. 8. Short Term Note—Treasurer's Authorization.

Recommended.

Art. 9. Not Recommended.

Art. 10. Petitions for improvements, various streets.

Recommended, raise and appropriate Hamilton Street $400., Shea Avenue $500., Boardman Road $600., Cold Spring Road $400., South Street $1,200., South Washington Street $1,200., Gold Street $1,200., George Hannum Road $1,200., Warren Wright Road $1,200. Most of the recommendations on the above roads closely follow those of the road survey committee. Five main routes have been selected to receive $1,200. each which with a similar program for the next two years should complete these roads. These five roads are all school bus and mail routes. It is appreciated that townspeople have only submitted one road petition this year, possibly recognizing that an appropriate road program is under way.

Art. 11. Sidewalk Improvement.

Recommended $1,000. be raised and appropriated for Federal Street sidewalk construction.

Art. 12. Visiting Nurse.

Recommend that $2,000. be raised and appropriated to give this program a start. Recommend hiring nurse on hourly basis during trial period. It is recommended that the School Department transfer their nurse service to the Board of Health. This would bring all of the major health services under the Board of Health. Also with the close cooperation of the two boards, the school would have available in emergencies the services of two nurses without having to increase their budget. Several towns are using this procedure.

Art. 13. Regional Vocational School District.
Recommend study committee.

Art. 14. Sale of Obsolete Equipment.
Recommended.

Art. 15. Land Damage on Route 21.
Recommend tabling.

Art. 16. Printing of Assessors' Valuations.
Recommended raise and appropriate $700.

Art. 17. Insurance Reserve Transfer.
Recommended.

Art. 18. Stabilization Fund.
Recommended $50,000.00 be transferred from available funds and $10,000.00 be raised and appropriated.

Art. 19. Street Lights.
Recommended $678.00 Federal Street be raised and appropriated. Recommend South Liberty Street be tabled until further survey and power company recommendations can be submitted.

Art. 20. General Budget.

GENERAL GOVERNMENT (3.80% of total)

Item	Expended 1960	Requested 1961	Recommended 1961
1. Moderator Expenses	$10.00	$10.00	$10.00
2. Finance Comm. Expenses	69.88	75.00	90.00
3. Selectmen:			
Salaries—Chmn.	475.00	475.00	475.00
Other Mem.	400.00	400.00	400.00
Other Mem.	400.00	400.00	400.00
Expenses	565.33	400.00	400.00
4. Accountant:			
Salary	900.00	900.00	900.00
Expenses	107.15	75.00	75.00
5. Treasurer:			
Salary	1,600.00	1,700.00	1,700.00
Expenses	1,014.97	1,045.00	1,045.00
6. Clerk:			
Salary	900.00	900.00	900.00
Expenses	435.10	513.00	513.00

7. Collector:			
Salary	2,000.00	2,100.00	2,100.00
Expenses	1,367.34	1,275.00	1,275.00
8. Assessors:			
Salaries—Chmn.	500.00	500.00	500.00
Other Mem.	400.00	400.00	400.00
Other Mem.	400.00	400.00	400.00
Expenses and Wages	2,010.13	1,850.00	1,850.00
9. Law—Expenses	949.25	500.00	500.00
10. Elections and Registrations	2,589.07	995.00	995.00
11. Planning Board Expenses	694.50	620.00	620.00
12. Municipal Buildings:			
Old Town Hall	871.71	900.00	900.00
Lawrence Memorial	718.54	500.00	500.00
Town Garage	969.21	1,200.00	1,200.00
General Government Totals	$20,347.18	$18,133.00	$18,148.00

COMMENTS GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Item 12—Municipal Buildings

Town Garage: Increase of $200.00 in this budget. A portion of this amount will be used to build salt bins so that salt may be purchased in bulk at a much lower cost to the town.

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY (3.84% of total)

Item	Expended 1960	Requested 1961	Recommended 1961
13. Police	$6,213.07	$7,505.00	$7,000.00
14. Fire	2,972.95	2,975.00	3,800.00
15. Forest Fires	1,694.67	1,700.00	1,000.00
16. Hydrant Service	1,500.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
17. Sealer of Weights & Measrs.	120.00	120.00	120.00
18. Inspector of Wiring	300.00	300.00	300.00
19. Civil Defense	131.50	600.00	300.00
20. Water Storage Holes (Fire)	1,066.80	300.00	300.00
21. Tree Services:			
Tree Warden			
Expenses and Wages	1,199.70	1,400.00	1,400.00
Insect Pest Control	599.90	700.00	700.00
Dutch Elm Disease	1,195.90	1,500.00	1,200.00
22. Building Inspector	300.00	150.00	150.00

23. Dog Officer Expense	34.18	50.00	50.00
Protection Totals	$17,328.67	$19,300.00	$18,320.00

COMMENTS PROTECTION PERSONAL AND PROPERTY

Item 13—Police

Selectmen have recommended more patrol work which is reason for the increase over last year.

Item 14—Fire

Selectmen have recommended $125.00 increase in salary for the Fire Chief, which the Finance Committee wholeheartedly approves.

Item 15—Forest Fires

The Forest Fire account will now only be charged with direct expenses, such as wages.

HEALTH AND SANITATION (1.41% of total)

Item	Expended 1960	Requested 1961	Recommended 1961
24. Board of Health:			
Salaries—Chmn.	$150.00	$150.00	$150.00
Other Mem.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Other Mem.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Expenses	1,515.07	1,275.00	1,275.00
25. Sewers:			
Salaries—Chmn.	150.00	150.00	150.00
Other Mem.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Other Mem.	100.00	100.00	100.00
Expenses	3,523.30	4,500.00	4,000.00
Filter Bed Expense	6,000.00	0.00	0.00
26. Town Dump	562.80	770.00	770.00
Health and Sanitation Totals	$12,301.17	$7,245.00	$6,745.00

HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS (4.74% of total)

Item	Expended 1960	Requested 1961	Recommended 1961
27. Highways, general	$4,394.67	$4,300.00	$4,300.00
28. Bridges	3,803.27	3,600.00	3,600.00
29. Snow Removal	8,677.50	9,000.00	9,000.00
30. Sidewalks, Maintenance	345.38	250.00	250.00
31. Street Lights	4,177.00	5,502.00	5,502.00
Highways & Sidewalks Totals	$21,397.82	$22,652.00	$22,652.00

COMMENTS—HIGHWAYS AND SIDEWALKS

These items do not include monies and work done under Chapter 81, Chapter 90 Construction, or Chapter 90 Maintenance. These are covered by separate articles.

Item 27. Highways General. This budget remains the same in 1961 as it was in 1960 with $1,800.00 for street or sidewalk maintenance and $2,500.00 to continue the brush cutting program. It is recommended that work on the latter be concentrated on major routes, with an attempt made to complete the roads on which work is started. This was not done this year.

Item 28. Bridges. The budget is for $3,600.00. $1,500.00 for two new culverts on Rural Street, $300.00 for additional posts, and $1,800.00 for replacing bridge planking and new guard rails.

Item 29. Snow Removal. This budget has been increased from $6,000.00 to $9,000.00, since in previous years the allotted amount of money has been spent by November, and it has been necessary to take money from the Reserve Fund. Because of extraordinary snow storms the Finance Committee and Selectmen jointly approved an interim amount of $5,000.00 to be available in the period from January 1 to March 13, 1961.

Item 30. Sidewalks—Maintenance. The budget is the same as 1960. We recommend that repair this year again be made with materials similar in color and texture to the sidewalks concerned. This was done in the past year and was an improvement over work done previously.

General Comments. It is recommended that a more satisfactory maintenance program be set up for the highway department equipment. We strongly recommend the advisability of steam-cleaning major equipment.

CHARITIES AND RELIEF (8.46%of total)

Item	Expended 1960	Requested 1961	Recommended 1961
32. Board of Public Welfare			
Salaries—Chmn.	$175.00	$175.00	$175.00
Other Mem.	125.00	125.00	125.00
Other Mem.	125.00	125.00	125.00
Welfare District	1,620.00	2,494.29	2,494.29
General Relief	1,262.28	1,500.00	0.00

Old Age Assistance	31,171.58	16,500.00	0.00
M. A. A.		13,000.00	0.00
Disability Assistance	1,820.30	5,000.00	0.00
Aid, Dependent Children	1,818.66	1,500.00	0.00
Public Assistance	00.00	00.00	37,500.00
Charities and Relief Totals	$38,117.82	$40,419.29	$40,419.29

COMMENTS—CHARITIES AND RELIEF

Item 32. By appropriating all sums to public assistance, we may be able to dispense with Articles appearing in special town meetings. This procedure has been adopted by several communities.

VETERANS DEPARTMENT (1.05% of total)

Item	Expended 1960	Requested 1961	Recommended 1961
33. Veterans Agent:			
Salary	$300.00	$300.00	$300.00
Benefits and Expenses	2,278.08	4,700.00	4,700.00
Veterans Department Totals	$2,578.08	$5,000.00	$5,000.00

SCHOOLS (64.22% of total)

Item	Expended 1960	Requested 1961	Recommended 1961
34. Schools:			
General Control	$12,877.00	$14,450.00	$13,900.00
Instruction	168,779.17	189,893.00	188,393.00
Operation	26,393.93	30,005.00	28,000.00
Maintenance	7,999.11	8,000.00	8,500.00
Transportation	35,101.04	35,926.00	35,926.00
Health	5,070.80	5,392.00	5,392.00
Miscellaneous	1,209.43	1,510.00	1,510.00
Household Arts	6,188.55	6,767.00	6,767.00
Capital Outlay	5,827.72	5,000.00	4,500.00
Library	608.73	602.00	602.00
Totals	270,055.48	297,545.00	293,490.00
Vocational Education	12,077.11	13,160.00	13,160.00
School & Voc. Ed. Totals	282,132.59	310,705.00	306,650.00

COMMENTS—SCHOOLS

The Finance Committee has again had excellent relations with the School Committee. Two years ago the School Committee, with the approval of the Finance Committee, adopted a schedule of increases and increments which should now be accomplished. These increases (amounting to $1,050.00 for each teacher over a three year period) were necessitated by the adoption of minimum salaries for teachers by the state.

There seems to be a good deal of competition for capable teachers and our School Committtee is continually confronted with this situation. The Finance Committee, however, continues to stress the fact that this is a small town and our competition should be with similar sized towns and not with much larger and wealthier communities. The School Committee has expressed a willingness to go along with the Finance Committee in the areas where reduced amounts are recommended. A guidance director will be hired in 1961 and the program will be initially financed by the use of federal funds. Repair and maintenance and capital outlay programs again should improve our school plant.

LIBRARY (.42% of total)

Item	Expended 1960	Requested 1961	Recommended 1961
35. Clapp Memorial Library (Plus Dog License Refund)	$999.83	$2,000.00	$2,000.00

COMMENTS

The Library Trustees have requested additional funds due to increased hours and the increase in pupils using library facilities.

PARKS, BEACH, & RECREATION (.21% of total)

Item	Expended 1960	Requested 1961	Recommended 1961
36. Parsons Memorial Field	$327.98	$350.00	$350.00
37. Town Common	148.62	200.00	200.00
38. Summer Recreation	289.51	350.00	450.00
Parks, Beach, & Summer Recreation Totals	$766.03	$900.00	$1,000.00

CEMETERIES (.46% of total)

Item	Expended 1960	Requested 1961	Recommended 1961
39. Cemeteries:			
Comm.—Salaries, Chmn.	$125.00	$0.00	$0.00
Other Mem.	100.00	0.00	0.00
Other Mem.	100.00	0.00	0.00
General Care, Expenses	1,682.79	3,000.00	2,000.00
Soldiers' Graves	200.00	0.00	200.00
Perpetual Care Income	996.32	1,000.00	1,000.00
Cemeteries Total	2,207.79*	3,000.00*	2,200.00*

* Excluding P. C. I.; raise and appropriate only.

COMMENT—CEMETERIES

The Cemetery Commissioners have indicated their desire to make the cemeteries look as well as possible for Belchertown's Bicentennial Celebration.

PENSIONS (.85% of total)

Item	Expended 1960	Requested 1961	Recommended 1961
40. Pensions:			
Town Employee Members	$3,539.88	$4,085.00	$4,085.00

INSURANCE (2.92% of total)

41. General Insurance	$8,666.39	$9,166.50	$9,200.00
Health Ins. (Town Share)	3,782.78	3,900.00	3,900.00
Life Ins. (Town Share)	797.03	865.00	865.00
Insurance Totals	$13,246.20	$13,931.50	$13,965.00

UNCLASSIFIED ITEMS (1.54 % of total)

42. Memorial Day Services	$88.40	$200.00	$200.00
Veterans' Day Services	53.00	60,00	60.00
Town Clock	100.00	100.00	100.00
Town Report	906.26	1,000.00	1,000.00
Reserve Fund	5,986.55	6,000.00	6,000.00
Misc. Unclassified	360.59	500.00	500.00
Unclassified totals	$7,494.80	$7,860.00	$7,860.00

MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST (6.08% of total)

43. Sewer Loans, Prin. 1949/52	$3,000.00	$2,000.00	$2,000.00
School Loans, Prin. 1952	20,000.00	20,000.00	20,000.00
Sewer Loans, Interest	650.00	575.00	575.00
School Loans Interest	5,355.00	4,935.00	4,935.00
Temporary Notes, Interest	0.00	1,600.00	1,500.00
Debt and Interest Totals	$29,005.00	$29,110.00	$29,010.00

GRAND TOTALS

ALL CATEGORIES	$451,102.27	483,840.79	477,554.29

Art. 21. Other Business
No recommendation.

CONCLUSION

The above budget and other money articles in the warrant as recommended by this committee amount to $514,332.29. To this must be added the amount of $16,733.55, the total of money articles voted in various special meetings in 1960 and early 1961. The grand total of the amount to be raised and appropriated is therefore $531,065.84 which is an increase of $49,767 over last year.

The Board of Assessors states that each increase of approximately $6,500.00 will raise the tax rate $1.00. Offsetting the above raise to some extent is the raise in assessed valuations of approximately $250,000.00 and it may be expected that receipts from the state will be slightly increased by certain increases in the school budget. However, any attempt to estimate the 1961 tax rate is complicated by the amount which the state includes in the "Cherry Sheet" and which remains unknown until the tax rate is actually computed by the assessors and the representative from the state. An educated guess would indicate that the tax rate for 1961 could increase by at least $5.50.

Respectfully submitted,

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